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KARENS PROCLAIM NEW STATE

All Political Leaders Asked To Report

TWO-PRONGED REBEL ATTACK ON MEIKTILA

RANGOON, May 20 (UPA)

KAREN insurgents proclaimed a new Karen state in the area they control about 100 miles north of Rangoon. All political parties were advised in printed circulars to dispatch their representatives to Saw Po Han, special Karen Commissioner in charge of the state.

The area lies 46 miles north of Pegu between Daiku and Nyaunglebin. Government troops have prevented the main body of Karen troops from moving south of Daiku.

Daiku is 78 miles north of Rangoon.

The proclamation called on all political leaders in the area to report immediately to the Karen authorities "under pain of severe punishment."

The reports have not sepecified the precise boundaries of the so-called state, but it is believed the Karens control considerable areas of lower Burma, east of the Rangoon-Mandalay railway.

A few Karens still hanging on at Insein, 10 miles north of Rangoon have been forced to retreat inside the railway workshops for their last stand. They tried to flee in an armoured train from the work-shops but were driven back by naval artillery. So far, however, they have given no indication of a desire to surrender.

LARGEST MINORITY

The Karens, numbering about 4,000,000 are Burma's largest minority. Some of them live in villages scattered on the Irrawaddy delta area and along the narow Tenasserim strip in the south.

A considerable number live in the hills of the Karenni States near the Siam border and others are found in the Shan States in the north-east.

The Karens first rebelled last September in an effort to set up separate state thereby embarrassing the Government which was then resisting a Communist-led insurrection.

Early last month the Karens were reported to have surrendered to the Government but subsequent negotiations broke down.

TWO-PRONGED ATTACK

Seven hundred rebels today made a two-pronged attack on the North Burma Army Headquarters town of Meiktila, Burma Army Radio reported.

The radio added that when the rebels fled they left behind 56 killed and 27 wounded. Government troops were also reported to have captured large quantities of arms and ammunition including a tank.

An Indonesian commercial plane under charter to the Burma Government was today reported to have been shot at and hit by insurgents while over guerilla—held territory near Meiktila.

There were no casualties, and the plane, returning from a special mission to Kalemyo, 40 miles from the Assam border, reached Rangoon without further trouble.

NAVAL SUPPORT

Navy gunboats today gave support to troops attacking rebel-held villages in the Delta district of Pyapon, 40 miles south-west of Rangoon, a Government communique said tonight.

It added that the rebels suffered heavy casualties in close-range fighting in paddy-fields.

A Government seaplane dropping supplies to troops near Maubin, 30 miles north of Pyapon, was fired on rebels, but escaped undamaged.

Government troops killed 20 Karens in a clash near Tavoy, the communique added.

Telegraph Notification

NEW DELHI, May 19. (A. P. I.): Telegrams to points north of Yangtse river except Tsingtao have been suspended says a press note from the Directorate of Post and Telegraph.

BRITISH OIL CO. PAYS ROYALTY TO INSURGENTS

RANGOON, May 20 (PTI-Reuter)—The British-owned Burma Oil Company has paid more than Rs. 300,000 as "royalty" to the White Band Peoples Volunteer Organisation at present controlling the Central Burma oilfield areas, it was authoritatively learned today.

The Peoples Volunteer Organisation was the sole military organisation of the "Anti-Fascist Peoples Freedom League" in Burma. The volunteer organisation split last summer and the majority, now known as the "White Band Volunteers" joined the "White Flag Communists" in their revolt against the Burma Government.

A company official who has just returned here from the oilfields said the rebels were demanding a monthly payment of Rs. 120,000 as royalty due to "established Government."

Unofficial reports reaching here stated that the rebels in the area had demanded a fee of Rs. 50 for every well sunk and they also collected other rates and taxes from the public.

Delhi Air Talks

NEW DELHI, May 20. (A.P.I.): Air talks between India and Britain will commence here on May 25 and will be put on a tripartite basis when an Australian delegation joins in in the first week of June.

Pakistan To Nationalise Her Air Lines

KARACHI, May 20 (PTI-Reuter): Pakistan is considering nationalising its two civil air lines, usually well-informed sources said today.

Under a scheme now before the Pakistan Government the two companies—Pakistan Airways and Orient Airways—would be merged into one nationalised corporation similar to the British National Air Lines.

But the Government would hold only 51 per cent of the shares and the rest would remain in the hands of the present company owners.

The new corporation would be known as "Pakistan Airlines".

Owing to financial difficulties about the operation of commercial airlines in Pakistan it is understood that neither of the two companies is reluctant to be nationalised. One of the companies already has aircraft paid for by the Government.

The new corporation would benefit by operating one service instead of two which are now being run in competition without enough passengers to warrant duplicate services.

It was also expected that the present high duty on petrol charges for flights to India would be abolished or considerably reduced by the Government which would classify such routes as international and, therefore, not subject to domestic duties.

UNCIP Shifts To Srinagar

PAKISTAN'S REPLY AWAITED

SRINAGAR, May 20. (A.P.I.): After the arrival of Dr. Lozano, who is now in Delhi, a full meeting of the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan is expected to be held here to discuss India's reply to the Commission's "final" truce proposals for Kashmir.

The Commission has completely wound up its headquarters in Rawalpindi and the last batch of members and staff arrived here today by a special plane. Those who arrived today were Mr. Macatie, American delegate and M. Leguizzman, Argentine delegate on the Commission.

Mr. Macatie said that Pakistan's reply to the Commission's proposals had not yet been received.

NO RESHUFFLE OF BRITISH CABINET

LONDON, May 20. (PTI-Reuter): Newspaper speculation on the possibility of a British general elections in the Autumn and an early British Cabinet reshuffle was discredited by authoritative quarters here today.

These quarters stated that Prime Minister Clement Attlee did not contemplate either an autumn general election or an early reconstruction of the Government.

STORM BLOWS OFF A WAGON

BAREILLY, May 20. (A.P.I.): A wagon of the Oudh Tirhut Railway was blown off the track by storm which struck Bareilly this morning.

The storm, which was followed by rain, dislocated traffic and uprooted roadside trees.

Showers lasted an hour bringing down the temperature by about ten degrees.

INDIA EXPECTS A BIG DOLLAR DEFICIT

Question To Figure In Sterling Talks

BOMBAY, Friday. (A.P.I.):

THE main question to be discussed at the forthcoming Sterling Balances Conference between representatives of India and of the United Kingdom will be the release of dollars for India for the period July 1, 1949, to June 30, 1950, it is learnt.

It is estimated that India will have a deficit of anything from 160 to 180 million dollars during the period.

The British Government made available to India £15,000,000 in dollars from the Sterling Central Reserves for the period of July 1, 1948, to June 30, 1949.

It was still necessary for India to borrow some 10 million dollars from the Monetary Fund. It was not expected that the magnitude of the dollar deficit for the one-year period beginning July 1, 1949, will be less.

When the projected loan from the International Bank materialises, it may ease the dollar deficit to some extent. But even then, a deficit of well over 60 million dollars is anticipated.

The International Bank loan will be earmarked for specific projects and will, therefore, not be available for current imports. A substantial part of the dollar deficit will still remain.

ALLIED PROTEST TO RUSSIA

BERLIN, May 20 (U.P.A.): The three Western powers protested to the Russians today against the use of live ammunition by Soviet planes manoeuvring in the airlift corridors.

The joint protest was lodged verbally with the Soviet representative at Berlin's four-power Allied Safety Centre.

An announcement by the United States Air Force said Soviet planes dropped live bombs at one place in the corridors but the bombing was not mentioned in the protest.

NEW DELHI, May 20. (U.P.I.): With a view to bringing the military and the public closer, a big liaison rally will be held at Gurgaon on May 25. An exhibition by various arms of the military will be an added attraction. The rally is expected to be attended by several high-ranking civil and military officers.

LITTLE MAN, WHAT NOW?

A question mark hangs over this tantalizingly empty pedestal for a statue which has just been erected next to the statue of Gokhale at Churchgate Street.

BOMBAY TO GO AHEAD WITH PROHIBITION

Governor-General's Assent To Bill Received

L. M. PATIL CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS

BOMBAY, Friday.

"THE way is now all clear for Prohibition," said Mr. L. M. Patil, Minister of Excise, Government of Bombay, waving his hand in a gesture of jubilation, when he met a reporter of the "Bombay Chronicle" today in the Secretariat.

Mr. Patil disclosed that the Governor-General's assent had been given to the Prohibition Bill of the Bombay Government and it had been returned 'in toto' without the slightest modification or alteration.

This, Mr. Patil, said was the "ALL CLEAR" for Bombay to go ahead whole-hog for the coming era of Prohibition. They could proceed with their preparations to implement those portions of the Bill, which, it was their desire should be implemented this year.

Mr. Patil admitted that there was a certain amount of anxiety as the return of the assented Bill was overdue. He had requested the Premier of Bombay, to impress upon the Delhi authorities, during his present visit to the Capital, the need to expedite the assent to the Bill.

This, however, he said, proved unnecessary, as during his absence of tour at Ahmednagar, the Assented Bill, had been duly returned, by the Central Government. Mr. Patil said that the reason for the delay was the important nature of the Bill and its having to go through the careful scrutiny of various Central ministries, whom it directly touched.

The Bill was being published today and would be made applicable, as soon as preliminary arrangements were completed. This was necessary, in order not to disturb, the Excise arrangements made for the current year. Subject to the above, the Act would be made applicable in its entirety by the end of June, at the latest. Necessary notifications for this were being prepared and would be circulated in due course.

The Minister said that he had addressed 19 meetings in his recent tour of Ahmednagar. He addressed the crowds on Prohibition, and found that the response from the people was sincere and heartening.

From personal investigations, made at various places he visited, he found that, there was no increase in illicit distillation. From the response he received, he felt confident that people had faith in Prohibition, and it would be a great success.

The Minister had just returned from his tour of Ahmednagar.

G-G's Assent To Prohibition Bill

The Bombay Prohibition Bill, 1949, which was passed by the Provincial Legislature during its last session, has received the assent of the Governor-General of the Indian Union. No alterations or modifications have been made in the provisions of the Bill, which has now become an Act. Under Sub-Section (3) of Sec. 1 of the Act, it is for the Provincial Government to notify the date on which it is to come into force. The Government is taking steps to notify the date.

WOOSUNG DEFENCE LINE INTACT

'Reds' Reel Back After Third Mass Attack

LEGISLATIVE YUAN'S PLEA FOR U. N. MEDIATION

HONG KONG (PTI-Reuter):

CRACK Nationalist troops today threw back wave after wave of Communist "human sea" attacks on Woosung, stronghold guarding the sea gateway to besieged Shanghai.

Three-hour bitter hand to hand bayonet and grenade fighting ended with the Communists falling back again, after a third mass attempt to crack Woosung's defences.

At least one Communist regiment was wiped out. Tonight's garrison communique claimed that the Woosung defence line was still intact after the furious onslaught.

In Pootung peninsula, directly across the Whangpoo River from Shanghai's bund and dock area, 10,000 Communists were pinned down near Kaochiao, a beach resort about 5 miles south-east of Woosung, it added.

Some independent Communist bands in Pootung were reported to have reached the bank of the Whangpoo about 7 miles down river from the military-occupied bund area. They were believed to be in a position to harrass the few Chinese ships still moving in and out of the harbour.

DEMAND FOR U.N. MEDIATION

As Shanghai's 6,000,000 people awaited their fate, China's Legislative Yuan (Parliament) in Canton demanded that the Cabinet seek United Nations mediation in the civil war. Communist armies are, biting deep into south China towards Canton, emergency nationalist capital.

The Yuan accused Russia of violating the Sino-Soviet treaty of friendship and said Chinese Communists were helped to last year's victories in Manchuria by Russian aid.

General Tang When-Yi, Nationalist spokesman in Canton, admitted today that Nationalist troops in north Kwangtung had revolted, but refused to give details.

(Yesterday it was reported 20,000 Nationalists had gone over to Communist armies driving into the area).

The spokesman said the Communists had thrown 2,000,000 regulars and 2,000,000 recruits into the various battlefronts. He claimed the Nationalists still had 1,000,000 men in south-east China and 700,000 in the north-west.

LULL IN SHANGHAI

An ominious lull settled over Shanghai tonight, in eerie contrast to the hectic pandemonium throughout the day. With guns silenced and the crone of planes becoming infrequent an "anything can happen" feeling grew in the city.

The food problem is becoming critical and financial and business markets are in chaos. Heavily censored Shanghai papers reported tonight that Nationalist military observers did not now think the city could be held for the month orginally estimated. Evacuees, who arrived in Hong kong tonight by what may be the last plane from Shanghai, said many people were anxiously waiting for the Communists to enter—possibly without much more fighting.

Shanghai's international airport at Lunghwa had commandeered all stocks for military use, they said. The plane's American pilot said he did not think there would be any more flights unless aircraft took their own fuel to Shanghai for the return journey. Mortars and machineguns were firing across the Whangpoor river in the direction of Lunghwa when he took off this afternoon.

An oil company official who flew here today said the general feeling among Shanghai's foreign population was that the Communists were deliberately leaving the Whangpoo river open to induce the Nationalists to abandon the city.. Another evacue reported that the Nationalists were threatening to blow up Shanghai's American owned electric power company.

GUNBOATS CROSS OVER TO "REDS"

SANFRANCISCO, May 20, (PTI-Reuter): The Peiping Communist Radio said tonight that four more Kuomintang naval vessels had crossed over to the Communists in the middle reaches of the Yangtse. This makes a total of 52 Nationalist naval craft to desert to the Communists in less than a month, the Radio stated.

Reds Lose First Round Of Battle

U.P.A. adds:

Despite the threat to Shanghai on all sides General Tang En-Po overall Commander of Shanghai defence forces, told the Chinese press the Nationalists had won the first round of the battle for the city. Tang said two Communist armies had been routed while reinforcements for four other armies were defeated in the Pootung area across the Whangpoo from Shanghai.

The lives and property of Shanghai's millions will be safeguarded and order will be maintained, the Garrison Commander promised the Chinese press.

New Department At Centre

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, May 20.

The Government of India has created a department of Parliamentary Affairs with immediate effect. This will provide a full-fledged set-up for the Chief Whip-cum-the Minister of State.

Originally, the Chief Whip was given the status of the Minister of State. It was not regarded necessary them to administer him an oath of office. This was subsequently done.

In the original form, the Central Legislature was a part of Government's legislative department till the late President, Vithalbhai Patel succeeded in creating a separate Legislative Assembly Department. The post of the Chief Whip carried no salary and was occupied by some permanent Government official. In its present form, he does receive salary of a Minister of State and will henceforth have the paraphernalia of a full-fledged department including a Secretary, a Deputy Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, an under-Secretary etc.

PORTFOLIOS

As against the set-up recommended by Mr. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar of 29 departments and 25 Ministers the Economy Committee, I learn, has reduced the present Cabinet to that of 9 Ministers. According to its scheme, the Prime Minister will have no portfolio. The Committee urges the abolition of separate Ministers for Labour, Communications, Health, Agriculture and Education. According to its plan, the Law Minister should hold an additional portfolio of Labour, and the Transport Minister should hold an additional portfolio of Communications. The Ministries of Agriculture, Food, Education, Health are to be grouped under the Minister of Social Services.

The Committee also recommends abolition of Ministries of Industry and Supply and Works Mines and Power and reallocation of their work to the present Ministry of Commerce and to the proposed Ministry of Production and Power, the Commerce Ministry taking over the supply side and the new Ministry taking over industries.

WOMEN HOME-GUARDS FOR BOMBAY

Recruitment To Begin Next Month: Many New Schemes

BOMBAY, Friday. (A.P.I.):

BOMBAY will soon have a detachment of women home-guards. Recruitment will begin next month, according to Captain M. J. B. Maneckji, Commandant-General of Bombay Home Guards.

Captain Maneckji said that he was also organizing a home-guards air patrol and coastal patrol.

The air patrol would consist of persons who own private planes. These persons, he said, would come in handy in emergencies like a postal strike, when they could transport essential mail.

The coastal patrol would mainly help in checking smuggling along the coast.

Captain Maneckji said that the women home-guards would receive the same intensive training as men. Their training would include drill and parade, use of fire-arms, first-aid, driving and communications service.

The Bombay Provincial home-guards now number about 17,000. Besides normal training, efforts are being made to get some detachments of home-guards trained in fire-fighting, tram-car-driving and sorting and delivery of mail.

This, it is stated, would prove valuable in the event of strikes in the city.

The 21 District Commanders of the home-guards are meeting in a conference here tomorrow, when matters relating to the working of the organization would be discussed. The conference will be inaugurated by Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister of Bombay.

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2. ONE SENIOR SCIENTIFIC OFFICER (LUBRICANTS) IN THE TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT ESTABLISHMENT LABORATORY (STORES), KANPUR, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE. Post temporary but likely to become permanent. AGE:— Between 30 and 40 years. PAY:— Rs. 600- 40- 1000- 1000-1050-1050-1100-1100-1150. QUALIFICATIONS: ESSENTIAL—(i) First Class or High Second Class Degree in Mechanical or Automobile Engineering or equivalent qualifications or First Class M.Sc. Degree in Physics or Physical Chemistry with subsequent specialisation in Lubrication Engineering. (ii) Extensive and up-to-date knowledge of lubricants, their applications and modern trends, involving high standard of knowledge in Science and use of lubricants. (iii) At least 5 years' experience in a responsible position as a Lubricant Engineer. (iv) At least three years' research experience in lubricants or lubrication. DESIRABLE:— Refinery experience in production of lubricants.

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4. ONE SENIOR SCIENTIFIC OFFICER (PHYSICS) IN THE TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT ESTABLISHMENT LABORATORY (STORES), KANPUR, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE. Post temporary but likely to become permanent. AGE:— Between 30 and 40 years. PAY:— Rs. 600- 40- 1000- 1000-1050-1050-1100-1100-1150. QUALIFICATIONS:— ESSENTIAL— (i) Doctorate Degree in Physics of a recognised University. (ii) At least 5 years' research experience in a responsible post attached to University, Government or Industrial Laboratory in the field of Applied Physics, with particular reference to properties of matter electricity and neat. DESIRABLE:— Practical approach in outlook and sound knowledge of industrial processes involving the application of Physics.

5. ONE PERMANENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR (NAVIGATION.), CENTRAL WATERPOWER, IRRIGATION AND NAVIGATION COMMISSION, MINISTRY OF WORKS MINES AND POWER. AGE:— Between 33 and 45 years. Relaxable for Government servants. PAY:— Rs. 600-40-1000-1000- 1050- 1050- 1100- 1100-1150. Higher initial pay up to a maximum of Rs. 800/- p.m. may be granted to a specially well-qualified and experienced candidate. Officers recruited from the provinces will be allowed to draw their grade pay in the province of origin plus a suitable addition to pay to be determined by the Government of India. This additional pay will be allowed only to those whose grade pay in the province is higher than the minimum of the scale of the post to which they are appointed in the Central Waterpower, Irrigation and Navigation Commission. QUALIFICATIONS:— ESSENTIAL —(i) A Board of Trade Certificate of Competency as a first-Mate of a foreign going ship. OR a first class Master's Certificate granted under the Inland Steam Vessels Act, 1917 together with a Pilot's certificate of Competency granted under Statutory authority. OR University degree in Civil Engineering or Naval Architecture or equivalent or Corporate Membership of a recognised institute of Civil Engineering or naval architecture. (ii) Navigational training or training inland waterways or training as a civil engineer pertaining to navigational and port work or other hydraulic structures. (iii) At least 10 years' experience on works pertaining to the design, construction and maintenance of navigation works-bouyage, dredging, docks, harbours and inland waterways. Should have at least held two years' executive charge. DESIRABLE:— (i) Knowledge of naval architecture, hydraulics pertaining to open channels. (ii) Good personality and active habits. (4468)

FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Advertisement No. 33.

APPLICATIONS INVITED for selection of Two Section Masters and Four Senior Masters in the Prince of Wales Royal Indian Military College, Dehra Dun, Ministry of Defence, from nationals of Indian Dominion by birth or by domicile. Persons of Indian descent or citizens of the Indian States which have not acceded to the Indian Dominion or of the Pakistan Dominion or of any other territory adjacent to India are also eligible but a declaration of eligibility issued by the Government of the Dominion of India will be necessary in their case before appointment. Cheques or Money Orders not accepted. Candidates applying from outside India should deposit the fees with the High Commissioner for India or the Indian Ambassador or the Government of India's Agent as the case may be and attach the receipts to their applications. The Commission may at their discretion remit the application fee where they are satisfied that the applicant is a BONA FIDE refugee and is not in a position to pay the prescribed fee. No candidate will be considered for appointment unless he appears for a personal interview if called upon to do so. Upper age limit relaxable by three years for Scheduled Castes candidates. For others, age limits will be strictly adhered to save in exceptional circumstances and in no case beyond a limit of three years. Application on plain paper accompanied by a Treasury Receipt or a Crossed Indian Postal Order for Rs. 7-8/- (Rs. 1-14/- for Scheduled Caste candidates) and giving the undermentioned particulars should reach the Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission, Council House, Post Box No. 186, New Delhi, before the 4TH JUNE, 1949. The Postal Order should be marked payable to the Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission, at the New Delhi Post Office. 1. Name of the post for which applying. 2. Name and Address. 3. Father's name. 4. Date and place of birth. 5. Domicile. 6. Qualifications. 7. Previous Experience. 8. Full details (with dates and salary drawn) of the previous employment if any. 9. Names (with addresses) of 3 persons as references. They should be holders of responsible positions but must not be relations.

Posts temporary for five years in the first instance. Appointments made on contract and are terminable by three months' notice on either side. Selected candidates to join duty immediately after selection and will be required to serve at Prince of Wales Royal Indian Military College, Dehra Dun. Probationary period one year. Posts non-pensionable. AGE:— FOR SECTION MASTERS: Below 40 years. FOR SENIOR MASTERS: Below 35 years. No age limits for persons already serving at Prince of Wales Royal Indian Military College. PAY:—SECTION MASTERS: Rs. 500-50-800. SENIOR MASTERS: Rs. 300-25-550. Higher intial pay may be granted to specially well-qualified and experienced candidates. QUALIFICATIONS: M.A.L.T. or M.Sc. L.T. (ii) 8 years' teaching experience for Section Master and five years' teaching experience for Senior Masters. (iii) Proficiency in games. The subjects to be taught will be English, History and Civics, Geography, Mathematics, Science (Hygiene, Physiology and Botany) and Hindi. (4467)

HEAVY EARTHMOVING EQUIPMENT

BLACKWOOD HODGE (INDIA) LTD., are the exclusive distributors for the whole of India for FUCLID Bottom and Rear Dump Wagons, EUCLID Loaders, CUMMINS DIESEL ENGINES, MARION EXCAVATORS PARMANCO DRILLS and other HEAVY EARTHMOVING EQUIPMENT. Please send your enquiries to BLACKWOOD HODGE (INDIA) LTD., P. O. Box 8954 Calcutta. (4470)

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
THE B.E.S. & T. UNDERTAKING.
WANTED.

BUS DRIVERS with the following qualifications:—

a) Age—between 23 and 35 years.
b) Height— 5' 4" or over.
c) Without glasses vision should be normal.
d) Clean Driving Licence of at least 1 year's standing with Heavy Transport Vehicle Endorsement.
e) Documentary evidence to prove that applicant has driven Heavy Transport Vehicle for one year.

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J. R. TALEYARKHAN,
Traffic Manager,
4213

TENDER NOTICE
Tender For Sale of Malt Extract with Shark Liver Oil

1. (a) Sealed Tenders are invited from firms of repute and standing who have agencies depots or branches throughout the Presidency to take up the sole agency for the distribution and sale of Malt Extract with Shark Liver Oil manufactured at the Government Malt Factory, Coimbatore for the year 1949-50. The product is of excellent quality and has been in great demand from all over India. Tenders stating the terms of agency should be sent to the Joint Director of Agriculture, "Rushkyrum", Mount Road, Madras and will be received up to 3 P.M. on 31-5-1949.

(b) Co-operative societies are also eligible to apply.

(c) Preference will be given to firms which have an existing organisational set up for retail distribution in the various districts for pharmaceutical products.

(d) The tenderers will be required to submit reference as regards their financial stability.

2. The quantity of Malt Extract with Shark Liver Oil to be distributed will be about 35,000 lbs. per year or any other quantity to be decided upon by the Joint Director of Agriculture, Madras. The tenderers should guarantee a minimum sale of 25,000 lbs. per year.

3. The accepted tenderer will have to make his own arrangements for sale of Malt Extract through his branches or agencies as the case may be. Any charges incurred in the advertisement for the sale of the product will have to be borne by the accepted tenderer.

4. Tenderers should quote their lowest rates towards commission.

5. The retail sale price of Malt Extract with Shark Liver Oil is Rs. 4 per lb. exclusive of sales tax. This rate is subject to revision by Government from time to time.

6. The tenderer will be required to indicate whether he will pay the cost in advance or will handle on a consignment basis.

7. The tenders will be opened on 1/6/49 at 4 P.M. by the Joint Director of Agriculture at his office at "Rushkyrum" Mount Road, Madras and he has the right of rejecting any tender without assigning any reasons therefor. Tenderers who wish to be present at the time of opening the tenders may do so.

8. The accepted tenderer will be required to maintain separate accounts for receipts and deliveries.

9. Each tenderer should pay as earnest money a sum of Rs. 100/- only into the branch of the Imperial Bank of India or into the Government Treasury or subtreasury on behalf of the Joint Director of Agriculture, Madras and enclose with his tender, the chalan endorsed accordingly. This earnest money deposit will be refunded to the unsuccessful tenderers on application after intimation is sent of the rejection of the tender. The refund will be authorised by suitable endorsement on the chalan. The earnest money will not be received in cash or currency notes. The earnest money will be retained in the case of the successful tenderer and will not carry any interest.

10. The successful tenderer will be required,

(a) to execute an agreement in the form prescribed by Government.
(b) to deposit a sum of Rs. 1,000/- as security deposit in addition to the earnest money for the due fulfilment of the contract.

B. M. LAKSHMIPATHY,
Joint Director of Agriculture.

TENDER NOTICE
SUPPLY OF SKIM MILK POWDER
No. MC/SMP/160:

SEALED TENDERS are invited by the undersigned for supply of 1250 (One thousand two hundred and fifty) tons (1 ton eq. 2240 lbs.) of best quality spray dried skim milk powder, from soft currency or sterling areas.

2. Each tender should be accompanied by an earnest money deposit of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees five thousand only) without which no tender will be considered and which will not be returned until a final decision in the matter has been taken.

3. The last date for receipt of tenders will be 5 p.m. on the 27th June, 1949, and the offer should be kept open till the 7th September, 1949. The supply of powder should commence from October, 1949, at the rate of 250 tons per month.

4. The Milk Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

5. For terms and conditions regarding the tender, please apply to the Milk Commissioner, Wakefield House, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

D. N. KHURODY,
Milk Commissioner, Bombay.
Office of the Milk Commissioner, Wakefield House, Ballard Estate, Fort, Bombay: Dated May 18, 1949
4491

BOMBAY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

APPLICATIONS are invited BEFORE 27-6-1949 preferably from persons domiciled in Bombay Province and displaced non-Muslims from Pakistan for the post of ASSISTANT INSPECTRESS OF GIRLS' SCHOOLS in the Bombay Educational Service, Class II (Women's Branch). All other things being equal, preference will be given to candidates belonging to the Backward Classes. PAY: 200-650 PLUS dearness allowance and compensatory and house rent allowances as admissible under the rules. Higher starting pay admissible in a deserving case. AGE:— Not less than 23 and not more than 30 years on 1-9-1949: Relaxable in a deserving case. QUALIFICATIONS:— (1) At least second class degree or Master's degree in Arts or Science and (2) B. T. or equivalent degree or diploma. Application form supplied on receipt of large addressed envelope with 4 annas postage stamps and a CROSSED Indian Postal Order for Re. 1/- payable to the "Secretary, Bombay Public Service Commission Bombay," who will also supply details on request. 4470

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the posts of Jailors, Group III, in the Bombay Jail Department in the scale of Rs. 70-3-85-4-125-5-130.

2. The candidates must not be more than 25 years on 1-6-1949 and in the case of candidates from Backward Classes, 28 years on 1-6-1949. Ex-Servicemen and displaced persons will be allowed to count their previous service in computing the age limit.

3. Only those who are graduates of the Bombay University should apply with full particulars of Domicile, age, educational qualifications, etc.

4. The applications should be addressed to the Inspector-General of Prisons, Province of Bombay, Poona and should reach him by 31st May, 1949 at the latest.

5. No reply will be given to candidates, who are not selected for interview.

T. T. KOTHAWALA.
Inspector-General of Prisons,
Province of Bombay.
Inspr: Genl: of Prisons' Office,
Poona, dt. 19th May, 1949.
4492

NOTICE
APPOINTMENT OF CLEARING AGENTS

SEALED TENDERS accompanied by an Earnest money deposit of Rs. 250 are invited from licensed Clearing Agents for the clearance from the Docks and delivery into this Department's Godown of about 1,100 tons of skim milk powder expected to arrive between the end of May and August, 1949. Detailed terms and conditions can be had from the office of the undersigned on any working day during office hours.

Last date for receiving tenders is 2 p.m. on Saturday, the 28th May, 1949.

The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reasons therefor.

D N. KHURODY.
Milk Commissioner, Bombay.
Office of the Milk Commissioner, Wakefield House, Ballard Estate, Bombay 1: 19th May, 1949.
4490

NOTICE

WANTED FURNITURE for Office and Schools worth Rs. 4,000/- and Office Stationery worth Rs. 1,000/-. For particulars and tender notice forms apply to the Chairman, Municipal School Board, Bandra, on or before 25-5-49. 4493

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

THIS IS TO NOTIFY that the Partnership between the undersigned Mr. K. G. KARNICK and Mrs. ROHINI V. MARATHE, carrying on the business of manufacturing and selling Turkey Red Oils, Penetrating Oils, etc. in the name and style of Messrs. K. R. BROTHERS at Sewri Cross Road, Sewri, has been voluntarily dissolved as from 4th May, 1949 and that the undersigned has taken over as the absolute owner, all the machinery, effects and assets of the said business and that the said business in the name and style of Messrs. K. R. BROTHERS has CEASED to exist from that date.

K. G. KARNICK.
269A, Girgaum Road,
Bombay 4.
4494

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
MARINE ENGINEERING TRAINING SCHEME

APPLICATIONS are invited from suitable candidates for training as Merchant Navy Engineer Officers.

Selected candidates will serve a three year apprenticeship in Workshops at Bombay or Calcutta and a further year in a Marine Engineering College in Calcutta after which they will proceed to sea as Junior Engineer Officers. Employment is not guaranteed but due to the shortage of Marine Engineering personnel in the Merchant Navy it is likely that there will be employment for all those who complete their training successfully.

During apprenticeship, Government will make every effort to provide hostel accommodation at both Centres for apprentices who are unable to reside with parents or guardians. For the final year, residence in the College will be compulsory.

QUALIFICATIONS.

(1) AGE: Between 16 and 19 years on the 1st March, 1949. NOTE. The upper age limit in the case of those who have passed the B.Sc., examination will be 20 years.
(2) PHYSICALLY FIT for Engineering profession.
(3) EDUCATIONAL. Must have passed the Intermediate Science Examination of any recognised University or Board of Education at least in the second division with Mathematics and Science; or in the case of Universities and Colleges where there is no Inter Science Examination, must produce evidence of having passed satisfactorily in Mathematics and Science the first year of a Degree Course.

The last date for receiving applications is the 19th June 1949. Suitable candidates will be required to appear for medical examination and interview before a Selection Board at their own expenses at either Calcutta or Bombay.

Application Form and Prospectus containing full particulars of cost of training, pay and future prospects can be had from the Director, Marine Engineering Training, Azad Maidan, Bombay-1 and the Manager of Publications, Civil Lines, Delhi, on payment.

DIRECTOR OF MARINE ENGINEERING TRAINING,
Azad Maidan, Bombay-1.
(4439)

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF 133 SALES BENGAL COTTON.

Messrs. MENESSE & CO., will sell by Public Auction on THURSDAY, the 24th February, 1949 at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Sewree Cotton Depot near Water Tank next to C Godown No. 1 by order of the Insurance Office concerned the abovementioned Cotton damaged.

BONAFIDE SALE

AUCTION SALE TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), at 10-30 a.m. Property of P. Williams, Esqr., and others at Seth Babulal Mansion, Chowpatty Sea Face of complete household and office furniture, 72 ins. large and small Austrian and other Safe, Steel almirah, typewriter, Singer rd bobbin foot machine, electric ceiling and Marelli table fan, partition, dining roll top, writing and dressing table, show case, Chesterfield, almirah, bed, H.M.V. gramophone, etc. (S. Tax) T. 40213, EASTERN AUCTION CO.

AUCTION SALE OF INTESTATE AND UNCLAIMED PROPERTIES

Under instructions from the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, BENNETT & CO., will sell by Public Auction (TO-DAY) SATURDAY the 21st instant at 2 p.m. (S.T.) at Police Commissioner's Office, opposite Arthur Crawford Market, all the Intestate and Unclaimed properties such as Jewellery, Old and New Clothes, Utensils, etc.

On view. Terms: Cash.

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CITY & SUBURBS

Today

Hindu: Vaishakh Vad 9, 2005.
Muslim: Rajjab 22, 1368.
Parsi: Adar 21, 1318.
Sunrise 6-3 a.m. Sunset 7-8 p.m.
Hightide 07-20, 1934 Lowtide 01-42, 13-00.

Today's Engagements

HOME GUARDS CONFERENCE: Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister of Bombay, will preside over First District Commandants' Conference today (Saturday) at 11-15 a.m.

PRABHAVATI RAJE'S LECTURE: Under auspices of Gujrati Stree Mandal and several other organisations at Madhav Baug, C.P. Tank, today (Saturday) at 4-45 p.m. Princess Prabhavati Raje will speak on "Hindu Code Bill".

FRENCH MOTOR CAR CO. LTD. CLERKS UNION: Meeting at Vithal Sadan, Congress House, today at 2 p.m.

EDUCATIONAL FILMS OF INDIA: Demonstration (for adults only) of films showing "Flower Gardens and the Zoo" at 91, Walkeshwar Road, on Saturday at 7-15 p.m.

SOUTH INDIAN BHAJANA SAMAJ: Ramayana Upanyasam series by Vyakarana Siromani Kavasseri Parameswara Sastri. Subject: "Sree Rama Janaanam" 8-30 p.m.

ROOPA KALA KENDRA

Guru Narendra Kumar Singha, an authority on the Manipuri School of dancing, will present a colourful ballet "BASANT BIHAR" or the Festival of Spring, today at 6-30 p.m. at Podar College Hall, Matunga. Mrs. Enakshi Bhavnani will preside.

GAUDIYA MISSION: Upadeshak Swami Sri Nitaidas Bhaktishastri Rasalankarji will speak on "Ends of Polytheism and Monotheism" at Sri Gaudiya Math, Gowalia Tank Road tomorrow (Sunday at 5-30 p.m.

TOWER CLOCK TO BE PUT IN ORDER

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Municipal clock on the tower of the Crawford Market, which had ceased to function since the cyclone storm of November 21 last is at last to be put in order.

The Municipal Commissioner has just recommended to the Standing Committee the acceptance of the quotation of Rs. 4,325 made by Messrs Swadeshi Electric Clock Co., for the repair of the clock. Apart from oiling, cleaning and reconditioning, the clock has to be supplied with two dials of cast iron frame of six feet nine inches in diameter. The firm has given a five year guarantee of the clock continuing in order.

The expense for the repair of the clock will be met of the sum of Rs. five lakhs already sanctioned by the Corporation for the repair of damage caused by the storm to Municipal properties.

J. F. Bulsara Invited To Education Conference

BOMBAY, Friday.

Dr. J. F. Bulsara, Deputy Municipal Commissioner has been invited by the Government of India to attend the Conference of Provincial Education Ministers and others interested in the problem of juvenile delinquency, which has been called to meet at Srinagar, on May 27 and 28, by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Minister for Education, Government of India.

It appears that under the Municipal Service Regulations, the Deputy Municipal Commissioner is not included in the list of officers allowed to attend conferences. But as Dr. Bulsara's participation in the conference will be of benefit to the Municipality, the Municipal Commissioner has recommended that he should be permitted to attend. He has also recommended that the Service Regulations should be amended.

The Standing Committee today considered the Commissioner's recommendation and approved it.

Inmates Of City Zoo For Australia

MUNICIPALITY TO PAY SPECIAL GRATUITY TO CREW OF SHIP CARRYING CARGO

BOMBAY, Friday.—The staff of a B.I.S.N. ship will be paid special gratuity by the Bombay Municipality when the vessel shortly leaves Bombay with a cage-bound cargo of wild animals from the city zoo for Australia to be exchanged for two pairs each of Wallabies and Emus belonging to the Zoological Board of Victoria, Melbourne.

Two female hyeanas, one male hyaena. Three pairs of Langoon monkeys and two pairs of Wandroos make up the list of Australia's preferences and since the ship is to sail in a few days' time the Bombay Municipality is making haste to execute the orders. The Superintendent of Gardens has already purchased one pair of hyeanas for Rs. 150, while the Bombay Zoo will spare a pair of Langoon monkeys and one female hyaena. Tenders have been invited from animal dealers for the purchase of the Wandroos and the other "items."

Since the two pairs of Wallabies and Emus supplied by Melbourne cost a little less than the animals to be purchased by the Bombay Municipality, the local zoo will get three pairs of Black Swans in addition from Australia at Rs. 195 a pair.

WORKERS' BALANCED DIET FOR Rs. 1-1-6

Nutrition Expert's Claim

BOMBAY, Friday.

A worker in Bombay could feed himself on a fully balanced diet for only Rs. 1-1-6 per day, Mr. Dinkar Rao Desai, Civil Supplies Minister, was told when he visited the Nutrition Section of the Indian National Exhibition at Azad Maidan this evening. The section is conducted by the Civil Supplies Department of the Government of Bombay and has been attracting a steady stream of interested visitors.

Dr. M. V. Radhakrishna Rao, Nutrition Officer, explained to the Minister the various charts and posters which dealt with the nutritive value of foodstuffs, the principles of nutrition, balanced and unbalanced diets, community feeding and other nutrition problems.

Mr. Dinkar Rao Desai expressed appreciation of the work done by the Section in enlightening the public on questions pertaining to nutrition. Six women assistants who have been untiringly doing the explanation job at the stall since the beginning of the Exhibition were introduced to the Minister who congratulated them on their initiative and good work.

Concessions To Detenus

Security prisoners in the jails of Bombay Province will be given both rice and chapatis. The Government has given the necessary instructions to the Jail authorities. The Government has also directed that in cases where security prisoners are provided with clothing at Government cost, it should be made to the measure of the security prisoner concerned, latrines should be provided with foot-rests and chamber or urine pots should be furnished with covers.

Training Of Demobilised Doctors

The Government of Bombay has decided to continue the scheme of post-graduate training for demobilised doctors in the Province for one more year, that is, 1949-50. Under the two-year old scheme, ex-service Medical Officers are given the necessary facilities to continue their post-graduate training or to bring up-to-date their professional knowledge in the branches of medicine required in civil practice.

Government Not To Move To Poona

The official move of the Government of Bombay to Poona will not take place this year also. However, the monsoon session of the Provincial Legislature is expected to commence at Poona in the third week of August.

Preparations For Rationing In Baroda City

The Government of Bombay has promulgated the Baroda State Cloth, Foodgrains and Kerosene Rationing (Application and Inquiry) Order, 1949, and applied it to Baroda City with effect from May 20.

Radio

BOMBAY A
BOMBAY, May 21.
TRANSMISSION I
244 Metres (1,231 kc/s) 31.41 Metres (9,550 kc/s)
7-20 a.m. Master Ashraf Khan 7-45 G. D. Soman 8-0 News In English 8-15 News In Hindustani 8-30 S. K. Abhyankar 8-45 News In Gujarati.

TRANSMISSION II
244 Metres (1,231 kc/s) 41.44 Metres (7,240 kc/s)
12-45 p.m. Musical Interlud; 12-50 S. K Abhyankar 1-0 News In Gujarati 1-10 As In Bombay B 1-30 News In English 1-40 You Asked For It

TRANSMISSION III
244 Metres (1,231 kc/s) 31.41 Metres (9,550 kc/s) 41.44 Metres (7,240 kc/s) from 5-0 to 7-45 p.m. from 8-0 to 11-0 p.m.
5-0 S. K. Abhyankar 5-15 G. P. Soman 5-30 As In Bombay B 6-0 News In English 6-10 News In Hindustani 6-20 Saraswati Rane 7-0 Topic Of The Day 7-10 Local Announcements And Weather Report 7-15 C V. Pantvaidya 7-45 Songs From Gujarati Films 8-0 Master Ashraf Khan 8-15 News In Gujarati 8-30 As In Bombay B 9-0 News In English 9-15 News In Hindustani 9-30 As In Bombay B

TRANSMISSION I
353 Metres (850 kc/s) 41.44 Metres (7,240 kc/s)
7-30 a.m As In Bombay A 7-45 News In Kannada 8-0 C. V. Pantvaidya 8-30 News In Marathi 8-45 Saraswati Rane.

TRANSMISSION II
353 Metres (850 kc/s) 31.41 Metres (9,550 kc/s)
12-45 p.m As In Bombay A 12-50 News In Marathi 1-0 Ramrao Parsatwar 1-10 God Gani 1-40 News In Hindustani 1-50 Nabhowanichya Parisarant.

TRANSMISSION III
41.44 Metres (7,240 kc/s) from 5-0 to 7-15 p.m. 61.48 Metres (4,880 kc/s) from 7-30 to 11-0 p.m
5-0 to 5-30 As In Bombay A 5-30 Bahuroopi 6-0 Vasant V. Athavale Dolere jogan Thumri 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners 7-15 to 7-30 As In Bombay A 7-30 Commercial News 7-45 News In Kannada 8-0 News In Marathi 8-15 G. P. Soman 8-30 Replies To Listeners' Letters 8-40 Musical Interlude 8-45 "Yeshodhara" 9-0 Saraswati Rane 9-30 Vasant V Athavale 9-40 Anything Goes 9-45 Around The Local Cinemas 9-55 Teer Nahi To Tukko 10-0 C. V. Pantvaidya 11-0 Close down.

BARODA—AHMEDABAD
TRANSMISSION I
250 Metres (1,200 kc/s)
7-30 a.m. Morning Variety 8-0 News In English 8-15 Gulabdas Jariwala 8-30 Vasudev Shelat 8-45 News In Gujarati.

TRANSMISSION II
6-0 p.m. News In English 6-10 Krishnarao Kolhapure 6-25 Vasudev Shelat 6-35 Gramjano Mate 6-35 Majur Bhai's Mate (From Baroda only) 7-0 Talat Mohammad 7-15 'Savinay Nivedan'.

326.1 Metres (920 kc/s)
7-30 p.m. Air Chorus Party (From Baroda) 7-30 Topical Item (From Ahmedabad) 7-45 Gulabdas Jariwala 8-0 Music Lesson 8-10 Local Announcements 8-15 News In Gujarati 8-30 Babulal Andhariya 8-45 Krishnarao Kolhapure 9-0 News In English 9-15 Varsha Varnan 9-30 'Mafat Ni Mahanat' 10-0 Babulal Andhariya 10-30 Close down.

VACATION LIBRARIES

The Bombay Municipal Schools Committee has sanctioned the opening of Vacation Libraries for the benefit, of those of our children who remain in Bombay during the vacation. In accordance with this, five vacation libraries are being opened at the following centres:—

Dongri Marathi School (Dongri), Valibai Gujarati Girls' School (Navi Wadi, Bombay 2); Lamington Road Marathi School (Lamington Road); Parel Central Marathi School (Parel); Imamwada Urdu Girls' School (Imamwada).

These centres will work daily from (1) 7 a.m. to 10-30 a.m. (B. T.), (2) 3 p.m. to 5-30 p.m. (B. T.) and will be open to all municipal children.

Books of all languages will be there at these centres according to the requirements of the locality concerned.

Representatives of the Teachers' Federation and the Head Teachers' Association will work at these centres and will guide the children.

The Vacation Libraries will work from May 19, to June 4.

Protest Against Arrest Of Pakistan National

KARACHI, May 20 (UPI): Karachi's transport and markets observed one-day hartal today as a protest against the reported arrest, at Urs, in Ajmer, in the Indian Union, of Abu Baker Patel, said to be a Pakistan national. The arrest is reported to have been made by the Indian Union authorities.

R.I.A.F. TO HAVE MORE PLANES

BOMBAY, May 20 (API).—The fleet of the Royal Indian Air Force will be augmented by a number of uptodate additional "Tempest" aircraft during this year. A first batch of about six "Tempests" was delivered in India towards the end of last year.

Group Captain Ranjan Dutt, Senior Air Staff Officer attached to No. 1 Group at the Palam Air Station, and Flt./Lt. K. John of the R.I.A.F. who have been deputed by the Air Headquarters of India to visit London for the purpose of taking over the new fleet left Bombay this afternoon by air for London.

Air Headquarters in India are said to be making arrangements for acquiring about one hundred different types of operational aircraft of Jet Vampires, Mitchael Bombers, Tempests, Spitfires, and Hurricane Fighters from the United Kingdom.

STEPPING UP FOOD PRODUCTION PLANS

BOMBAY, May 20 (UPI): In pursuance of its declared policy of making an all-sided effort to make the province self-sufficient in food in as short a period as possible, the Government of Bombay has decided to set up a network of Taluka Development Boards and Village Food Production Committees, in every taluka and village respectively, in the province to act as agencies to give practical shape to various "grow more food schemes"

The functions of the Village Food Production Committees would 'inter alia' be to prepare concrete plans for stepping up food production in the village, to prepare a programme for each season for bringing as much area as possible under food crops, etc.

Pilgrims To Car Festival Advised To Get Inoculated

As cases of cholera are being reported from the various parts of Orissa Province, intending pilgrims to the Car Festival at Puri, which will be held from June 9 to July 8, are advised to get themselves inoculated against this disease before starting on the pilgrimage and carry with them the necessary certificates. They are warned that lodging houses and dharmashalas at Puri will admit only such persons who will produce certificates to the effect that they have been inoculated against cholera.

RELIEF TO ZALAWAD FAMINE SUFFERERS

RAJKOT, May 20 (A.P.I.): About 26,000 people have been absorbed in relief works launched by the Government in the famine-stricken Zalawad district and another 6,700 people are being paid doles, according to statistics collected by the Zalawad District Congress Committee. The relief works have so far cost the Government eight lakhs rupees.

Cocoanut Nurseries

BANGALORE, May 20, (A. P. I.): Schemes for establishing five cocoanut nurseries in different parts of India were sanctioned by the Central Cocoanut Committee which concluded its ninth meeting here yesterday. Sir Datar Singh, Vice-Chairman of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, presided.

The nurseries, which will distribute quality seedlings, will be set up in Ratnagiri district in Bombay province, Tiruchirapalli district in Madras province, Tumkur district in Mysore State, and Thakazhi and Shertallai district in Travancore State.

WEATHER

POONA, May 20, (A. P. I.): The following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from April 1, 1949 and departure from normal recorded at 08-00 (I. S. T.), on May 20, 1949:—

Ahmedabad 105 81 0 0 minus 0.3, Ahmednagar 98 76 0 0.2 minus 0.4, Baroda 107 81 0 0 minus 0.1, Belgaum 93 68 0.1 3.1 plus 0.5, BOMBAY 93 81 0 0 0, Calcutta 94 82 0 15.6 plus 10.8, Delhi 105 79 0 0.1 minus 0.5, Hyderabad (Dn.) 100 82 0 0.5 minus 1.2, Mahabaleshwar 82 65 0 0.3 minus 1.2, Nagpur 98 82 0 0.1 plus 0.6, Patna 99 77 0 4.0 plus 3.2, Poona 97 75 0 0.4 minus 0.5, Sholapur 103 74 0.8 2.8 plus 1.9, Simla 74 58 0 3.1 minus 0.1, Surat 95 80 0 0 minus 0.2.

Following is the daily weather summary for Friday, May 20, 1949:—

Thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Assam, Malabar and south-east Madras and local in West Bengal, the East Punjab, North Hyderabad and Mysore. A few thundershowers have also occurred in Chota Nagpur, Bihar, the West United Provinces, West Rajputana, Vindhya Pradesh, the Bombay, South Hyderabad and the North Madras coast.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL THE EVENING OF 21ST:—Thundershowers will be widespread in Assam and the Peninsula south of latitude 14 degrees north, and occur locally in West Bengal, Chota Nagpur and in and near the hills of the East Punjab and the West United Provinces. Scattered thundershowers are likely in Bihar, the East United Provinces and the rest of the Peninsula and scattered dust or thunderstorms in the plains of the West United Provinces and the East Punjab.

HEAVY RAINFALL WARNING:—Locally heavy rain is likely in the extreme south of the Peninsula during the next 36 hours.

MUNICIPAL PEONS DEMAND ARBITRATION

Want To Avoid Unpleasantness In Dispute Over Wages

BOMBAY, Friday:—

Peons of the Bombay Municipality have addressed a letter to the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Corporation asking him to refer their demands for revised grades of pay and other amenities to arbitration or adjudication.

The General Secretary of the Bombay Municipal Peons Union has informed the Chairman of the Committee that he was "afraid with all the experience we have before nothing tangible is going to come out" as a result of the latter's assurance that he would place before the Committee the demands of the peons' deputation which met him.

In addition to demands for increased pay and allowances, the peons have asked that they should not be made to do the domestic work of the Municipality's officers and that "this practice should be immediately stopped".

"We want to avoid every sort of unpleasant correspondence including a notice of token strike etc., and so request you to please accord your sanction for referring our case to arbitration," the General Secretary of the Peons Union writes in his letter to the Chairman of the Committee.

The Union has demanded that Chowkidars, hamals and watchmen should be given the grade Rs. 35-2-50, peons Rs. 40-2-80 and havildars, food jamadars, blue copy printers, custodians and money testers 60-3-90, while jamadars and sub-inspectors should be accorded respectively the grades 80-4-100 and 80-6-110-10-130. They have urged that until the Municipality is in a position to supply "decent' quarters for peons, the present house rent allowance should be increased to Rs. 12 per month.

The memorandum to the Standing Committee further demands that "every peon should annually get three white pants, three short coats, three caps, a pair of pathani chappals, one umbrella and one woollen suit for every two years."

The havildars and the jamadars should get every year two white suits and one woollen suit."

"Each one of these employees should get a monthly washing charge of Rs. 2"

"A special ward should be maintained in municipal hospitals for peons and other employees of the Municipality".

"In many of the schools the peons are asked to clean latrines, etc. This is objectionable and should be immediately stopped."

The demands are listed under 15 heads.

COMPOST DRIVE IN PROVINCES

NEW DELHI, May 19.

Several Provincial Governments have launched schemes for the preparation of compost from town and village refuse as part of their food production drive. Millions of tons of good qualities manure which can be prepared from town and village refuse are at present wasted as arrangements do not exist for composting the refuse. Efforts are now being made by some of the Provincial Governments to utilise as much of the refuse as possible for manurial purposes. In about 4,000 towns in India with population of 5,000 and above it is estimated that the refuse materials available would produce 10 million tons of good quality compost which can increase our food production by 15 to 20 million maunds per year. The compost production is being organized through municipalities and under the supervision of special officers appointed by the Provincial Governments.

In the East Punjab, the Compost Development Scheme is already in operation in over 300 villages and a few towns under the supervision of a whole time officer assisted by biochemists, agricultural assistants and a large number of "mukaddams." During the last four months alone, about 40,000 tons of compost were manufactured as against a total production of 46,000 tons during the year 1948. Legislative measures are also under the active consideration of the Government with a view to ensure the proper conservation and utilisation of village and town refuse by municipalities and other non-official bodies.

In Madras, 65 municipalities are at present preparing composts. The latest reports received from Madras indicate that the stock of raw compost at present on hand is about 43,000 tons. The compost will come in very handy for use within the next two months when the cultivation season will be in full swing.

The Central Provinces and Berar have made arrangements for the training of staff in the technique of composting village refuse into manure and such training is being given at all centres in the Province. During the month of April, 440 tons of compost were distributed. With further expansion of training facilities more towns and villages will come under the compost scheme and the production is expected to increase considerably.

Delhi Reds To Go On Hunger-Strike

NEW DELHI, May 19. (U P I): Communist and trade union detenus in Delhi jail have decided to go on hunger-strike from June 5, if their demands are not considered by the jail authorities by then.

Their demands include "release or trial", family allowance, permission to read books and papers, supply of cots and electric fans and weekly interviews with relatives and friends.

KARWAR, May 19 (API): Mr. Vaman Anant Kodike of Sirsi has been appointed "Sanchalak" (organiser) of the "Sarvodaya scheme" in the Karwar district by the Government of Bombay.

HUBLI DEPUTATION WAITS ON VARTAK

Plea For Subsidy To Municipality

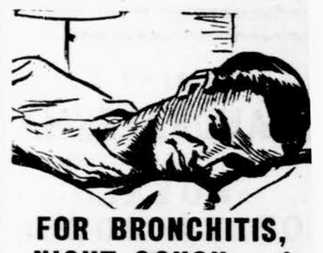
BOMBAY, Friday.

Mr. B. P. Tambad, President of the Hubli Municipality, Mr. B. R. Kulkarni, Vice-President, Mr. A. A. Goodwala, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Hubli Municipality, and Mr. B. N. Bendegiri, Chairman of the Municipal School Board, waited in a deputation today on Mr. G. D. Vartak, Minister for Local Self-Government, Government of Bombay.

The deputationists are learnt to have represented to the Minister that the Hubli Municipal Borough had been arbitrarily excluded from the subsidy which other municipalities got from the Government, viz., the grant of a 50 per cent subsidy on the total Dearness Allowance paid to all Municipal employees. They averred that it was unfair to have included the Borough Municipality of Hubli, with the Municipalities of Poona, Ahmedabad, Sholapur and Surat, which were the only local bodies that did not get this privilege.

So far, the Government of Bombay, is paying this benefit to Hubli Municipality only in respect of its conservancy staff. The amount thus paid comes to about Rs. 50,000 and the demand of the deputation was that this must be extended to all categories of Municipal labour. This will involve an additional payment of Rs. 75,000.

The deputationists also requested that the present grant of 50 per cent paid to the School Board, must be raised to 75 per cent.



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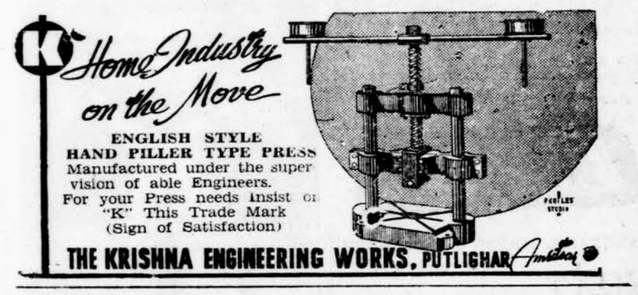
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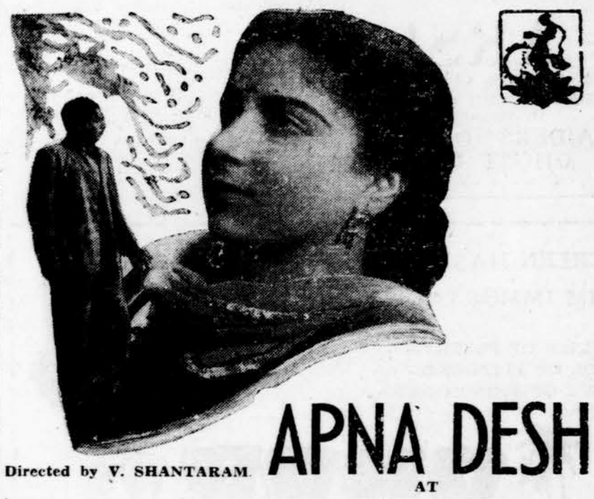

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FILMS TO SEE THIS WEEK

MAZHAR KHAN IS BACK TO THE SCREEN IN "DIL-KI-DUNIYA"

"DIL-KI-DUNYA"

At Kamal

Noble Art's "Dil-ki-Dunya" which has entered the second week's run at Kamal Talkies, deals with the story of a musician who being robbed of his own daughter adopts an orphan girl. This girl falls in love with a lost lover who is denied the love of his own wife. How the musician solves his problem becomes good dramatic material for the film. It features Munawar Sultana, Gita Bali, Jaswant, Madan Puri and Mazarkhan. It was directed by Mazharkhan. Govindram provided the music.

"BARI BEHEN"

At Imperial

"Bari Behen" by Famous Pictures is among the few really popular films now on show in Bombay. It is running at the Imperial for the seventh week. With Suraiya and Gita Bali heading a popular cast, the film has become a favourite with Bombayman.

"MOHINI"

At Nishat

Mahindra Pictures' "Mohini" starring Pran supported by Chand, Mahapara, Rooti and Niranjan, is now showing at Nishat. Lachiram has provided the music. Direction is by Mahindra Gill and Niranjan.

REHANA IN A PENSIVE MOOD IN STANDARD PICTURE CORPORATION'S "ROSHNI"

"ROSHNI"

At Novelty And Neptune

Because of its light-hearted comedy, lilting songs and dainty dances, Standard Pictures Corporation's "Roshni" is drawing packed houses at Novelty and Neptune cinemas. From Saturday May 28, it will be screened also at Surya (Parel).

"Roshni" is the tale of a hater of music who gets converted to a love of music. Author-scenarist Santoshi has done a good job. The leading roles are played by Rehana, Benjamin, Nibal, Haroon and Sofia.

"MERI KAHANI"

At Super

"Meri Kahani" continues for the fifth week at Super. It is the story of today's society and of the people who compose it. Munawar Sultana, Surendra, Sanobar and Ramesh Sinha turn in good performances.

Saigal In "Omar Khayyam" In 3 Theatres

For a week now, Murari Pictures' "Omar Khayyam" starring the late K. L. Saigal in its title role has been successfully running at three theatres —Swastik, Excelsior and Taj. Saigal is ably supported by Suraiya and Wasti. It is the life of the famous Persian poet and it has been convincingly told on the screen. The songs are excellent.

GULAB PRATIMADEVI SOUNDS A NOTE OF WARNING TO IN "LAHORE"

WHAT'S WHERE in Bombay

CAPITOL, KRISHNA:
"SAWAN AYA RE" starring Kishore Sahu, Ramola, David, Pratima Devi, Mohna, Sofia and Ramesh Gupta.

EXCELSIOR, SWASTIK AND TAJ:
"OMAR KHAYYAM" starring Saigal and Suraiya.

LIBERTY:
"ANDAZ" starring Nargis, Dilip Kumar, Cuckoo, V. H. Desai and Raj Kapur.

MINERVA, RIVOLI AND JAI HIND:
"LAHORE" starring Nargis, Karan Dewan, Kuldip, Pratima Devi, Gulan, Randhir, Balakram, Urvashi and Om Prakash.

KOHINOOR:
"MEETH BHAKAR" starring Vithal, Chandrakant, Sulochana Powar, Anjani, Jaishankar, Bakre and Saroj.

HIND MATA:
"BAZAR" starring Nigar, Shyam, Gope and Yakub.

KAMAL:
"DIL KI DUNIYA" starring Munawar Sultana, Gita Bali, Jaywant, Madhan Puri, Mazharkhan.

NOVELTY, NEPTUNE:
"ROSHNI" starring Rehana, Mumtaz Ali, V. H. Desai, Sofia, Pran, Nihal, Sita Bose, Benjamin.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE, CITY LIGHT, LIDO (Juhu), SWASTIK (Malad), NEW MODEL (Kurla), VENKATESH (Vile Parle).
"CHANDRALEKHA" starring T. R. Rajkumari, M. K. Radha, Ranjan, Sundari Bai and Yashodhara Katju.

SUPER:
"MERI KAHANI" starring Surendra, Munawar Sultana, Pratima Devi and Sanobar.

CENTRAL:
"JAGA BHADYANE DENE AAHE" ("To be let", in Marathi) starring Shanta Apte.

IMPERIAL:
"BARI BEHEN" starring Suraiya, Rehman, Ulhas, Pran and Geeta Bali.

ROXY:
"LACHHI" starring Manorama, Wasti, Cuckoo, Majnu and Om Prakash.

PLAZA:
"SAKHARPUDA" ("Betrothal").

NEW WEST END:
"APNA DESH" starring Pushpa Hans, Umesh Sharma, Manmohan, K Date and Sudha Apte.

CHITRA:
"GHAR KI IZZAT" starring Mumtaz Shanti and Manorama.

NISHAT:
"MOHINI" starring Pran, Mahapara, Chand and Niranjan.

BROADWAY:
"MERA SOHAG" starring Kamla Kotnis, Arun and Sulochana Chatterjee.

NATIONAL (Sandhurst Road):
"GOPAL BHAYYA" starring Shashi Kapur and Anant Marathe.

KISMAT:
"JIGGER" starring Bhagwan, Baburao.

STRAND:
Sunday Morning 10-30: "RATAN" starring Karan Dewan, Swarnalata.

I.N.T.'s "FAAS"

Leela Chitnis and Narayan Kale will appear in the Marathi drama, "Faas" which is being presented by the Indian National Theatres. Faas was originally written in English by W. O. Somein. It was translated into Marathi by Prof. Anant Kanekar. Faas will be staged at Nande Theatre (Dadar) on Saturday at 9-15 p.m. and at Opera House on Sunday at 9-15 a.m.

"SAWAN-AYA-RE"

At Krishna And Capitol

"Sawan Aya Re", the latest from writer-producer-director Kishore Sahu, is now drawing capacity houses at Krishna and Capitol cinemas. In this film, Kishore Sahu has attempted something new in screen entertainment. He has given romance a new personality and a new colouring. Heading the supporting cast are Ramola, David, Sofia, Pratima Devi, Shobha and Gulab.

"LACHHI" HELD OVER

At Roxy

The Punjabi film "Lachhi" produced by Kuldip Pictures and released last week at Roxy has been held over. It stars Manorama, Wasti, Majnu and Om Prakash. It was produced by Lekhraj Bhakri and directed by Rajinder Sharma.

"Chhota Bhai" Soon To Be Seen In Bombay

Sarat Chatterjee's celebrated short story "Ramer-Sumati" is to be seen on the screen here shortly. New Theatres have made a great picture of it. "Chhota Bhai" will be released soon at Excelsior and Minerva through the Calcutta Film Exchange.

Hollywood Today

TWENTY YEARS A STAR

Loretta Young Is Thirty-Five

(By Sheilah Graham)

HOLLYWOOD—Loretta Young is my nomination for the best-dressed star in Hollywood. She never looks wrong and never looks over-dressed. "What is the secret—lots of good clothes?" I ask Loretta.

"The secret, if any", replies the star (wearing long, red coat with black buttons and a small, black straw hat with tiny veil), "is to get a few good clothes. My hat for instance, I bought three years ago. And I still have a Mainbocher dinner dress that I bought before the war."

"And your coat?"

"This just happens to be a Christian Dior. But, I can, and do, make my own clothes too. I still wear the gown I wore at my wedding to Tom (Lewis) nearly nine years ago—for very special occasions, of course.

"The point I want to make is that if you start with something good, and take good care of it, anyone can look well dressed. I should, in particular, because in the course of my career, I've been exposed to every top designer in the world."

Miss Young, now starring in "Mother Was a Frenchman", started playing young leading lady roles more than 20 years ago, which makes some of the fans believe that she is a rejuvenated old lady. Actually Loretta is only 35. She was little more than a child when Colleen Moore picked her for a role in "Naughty But Nice." Last year she won the Academy Award for "The Farmer's Daughter." She may win it again for her nun role in "Come To The Stable."

Loretta receives $150,000 for each of the two pictures that she makes a year. Most stars in this big-money bracket wear themselves into a breakdown making decisions. "Not me", says Miss Young. "I'm surrounded by experts. I have an agent to choose my pictures for me. My press agent (old-time star Helen Ferguson) decides everything that has to do with my publicity. That leaves me free to do the acting."

Miss Young's husband, ex-Colonel Lewis, is a great executive. He organized the Armed Forces Radio Services during the war. "When a big problem comes up, I ask him, 'What do I do now Tom?' 'If you,' says Loretta to me, 'want to learn anything, you go to the best teachers, don't you. That's what I do."

Well, this letting the experts take over certainly has paid off for Loretta: and it makes her popular with everyone. Another unusual trait in the Young character is her kindness to the lesser lights in her pictures. Don't get the lady wrong. No one protects her own working rights more than Loretta, but she watches out for the others, too.

For instance, in one of her recent movies, an old-time actress was playing a small part. She had one close-up. "Can we use my left side?" asked the OTA. "No," she was told abruptly. Loretta took the director aside. "Let her use the left side," she said gently. It was an order.

If you wonder why you rarely see mention of Miss Young's three children in the public prints, this is by strict order of their mother. She believes that it would make them self-conscious to read cuteness about themselves. For the same reason there never has been a photograph published of the youngsters.

Loretta is extremely religious and practices the Golden Rule. I saw the following happen: It was on a Sunday and Loretta was coming out of church with her family. A minute before, a boy on a bicycle had crashed into a stationary cart—not Loretta's. She dashed over, took the boy and his broken bicycle into her own car, took him home with her, called a doctor and the boy's parents. Most stars are afraid of getting involved in a shake-down to stop and help.

Pet project number one in Loretta's life is the local St. Anne's Maternity Hospital. Every considerable cent earned by her in radio is turned over to this hospital.

"How do you keep your figure?" I ask Loretta, noting her very healthy appetite. "Well, I don't do it by exercise," she tells me. "I don't even walk unless I absolutely have to."

Her big passions, apart from dresses, are hats and furs. "I don't know how many hats I have, but it's plenty."

Her furs are mostly the gifts of her adoring mate. To supplement his "I love you's", Tom recently bought his wife a platina stole, a nutria fur coat, a Kohinoor minx cape, and a full length minx coat for her last birthday.

"And I", concludes Loretta returning to our first topic of conversation, "I use anything as an excuse to buy a dress. Like for the Academy Awards last year. I knew positively I couldn't win. But I went to Adrian and said, "I'd like a dress with just the slightest possibility that it might be seen on the stage'."

Loretta's gown, when she stepped up to receive the Award, drew as big a gasp as the announcement of her name. "However, I didn't get a new gown for this year's Award," says Loretta who presented the Oscar for the best feminine performance. "It wasn't my night".

'CHAR DIN' NEXT WEEK AT THREE THEATRES

Presenting the Indian screen's lovely songbird Suraiya in an entirely different role, Ratan Pictures' newest musical "Char Din" will be on show from next Friday at Roxy, Jai Hind and Rivoli. The picture was directed by M. Sadiq, creator of "Kajal", "Ratan", etc. With Suraiya, "Char Din" features Shyam, Badri Prasad, Randhir, Cuckoo, Mohana and Om Prakash. Shakil Badayuni's songs are set to the music of Shyam Sunder; story and dialogues are by Azam Bazidpuri.

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Bombay City 'A' Qualify For Final

ONE SIDED GAME IN GOLD CUP SEMI-FINAL

BOMBAY, Friday.

Bombay City 'A' conquered the Grey's Juniors by two goals to nil in the semi-final of the Tommy Emar Gold Cup Hockey Tournament played at the Association Ground this evening. City 'A' will now meet their familiar rivals Grey's 'A' in the final this evening.

Bombay City's defence were the heroines of this evening's game and also Grey's defence up to a certain extent. The main cause of Greys failure was due to their disjointed attack, which was never seen to any effect. The Grey's 'B' were fighting off the City attack for the full fifty minutes of play and hardly had a scoring opportunity.

As usual, the formidable City attack went about their task in erstwhile fashion but for all they were worth they were unable to pierce the Grey's defence which appeared sound.

The City drew first blood in the 9th minute of play when left back Eve Edwards sent in a terrific drive off a penalty corner, which was deflected by Joy Hibbert.

Another three minutes later and City should have been a second goal up but their forward proved poor marksman and even their main goalgetter, Sheila Rodriques failed to connect a good pass that was sent to her.

The City continued their relentless attack but the second goal eluded them. On the other hand on the few occasions that the Grey's crossed over they were unhappily well dealt with either by the watchful halves or if they did pierce deeper, by Eve Edwards.

Sheila Ferguson, the Grey's right deep-defender, who had played consistently for the senior string, in all the previous tournaments, put up a sterling performance and took good care to deal effectively with every thing that came her way.

The teams continued to struggle but the score board remained unchanged at one-nought in favour of the City when half time was called.

On resumption after the breather the City continued their attack—the Greys holding their fortress gallantly.

The City made further drastic attempts to consolidate their position but that seemed to elude them for two Greys deep defenders, Sheila Ferguson and Norah Butterfield would not yield an inch. A number of penalty corners failed to make the City task any easier.

A sudden break away by Greys forward was nipped in the bud and from the clearance to the opposite end the City acquired their second goal when Margaret Chisholm crashed the ball into the nets past Lillian Cooke from the top of the ring.

Andrey Leath-Hayter was a lone attack in the Greys quintette but inadequate support from her colleagues resulted in the City defence taking things easy. The City prevailed by 2 goals to nil at the call of full time.

The teams: CITY 'A': Eileen Bomber; Eve Edwards, Freda Freeman; Juce Thornber, Louise Lynn, Kathleen Gaittey, Joy Hibbert, Phyllis Badal, Sheila Rodriques, Margaret Chisholm, Myra Elliot.

GREY'S 'B': Lillian Cooke; Sheila Ferguson, Norah Butterfield, Marie Misquitta, Majorie Wade, Margaret Dow, Molly Talati, Jaquiline Reader, Sarah Hajioff, Andrey Leatt-Hayther, Betty Ballard.

UMPIRES: A. J. Francis and Lenny D'Sa.

R.I.N. Recover To Win In Campbell Cup Hockey

POONA, May 20. (A.P.I.) Royal Indian Navy (Bombay) today defeated Dehu Road Station in the Col. Campbell Cup for the Maharashtra Hockey Championship by 4 goals to 3. The winners were three goals in arrears, before they made a recovery and registered four goals after crossing over. The navy team will now meet Himalaya Sports on May 26.

W. I. BILLIARDS

BOMBAY, Friday.

In the Western India Billiards Championships held at the Islam Gymkhana this evening A. S. Barret gave a impressive display to beat H. Durham by 551 to 503 points. Then, Ranvir Khatau accounted for D. R. Havewalla by 549 to 424 points.

Barrett recorded some good breaks of 56, 42, 37 and 44 and Durham recorded breaks of 47 and 30. Also Khatau put in some good breaks of 59, 49, 34 while Havewalla had to be content with a break of 25.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY
Association Ground
5-45 p.m. Greys "A" vs. City "A" (Final Emar Gold Cup).
FOOTBALL
Cooperage
4-30 Dandi United vs. Goan S. C. "B" (Semi-Final Summergill).
5-40 p.m. Trades vs. Bombay Amateurs (First Division Harwood).
St. Xavier's Groung Parel
4-40 p.m. Wimco vs. Globe "B".
5-40 p.m. Blue Wizards vs. A. S. I. XI (Indian League).
SWIMMING
P.M. HINDU BATHS, CHOWPATHY
9 p.m Maccabi open Tournament. (Finals)
BILLARDS
ISLAM GYMKHANA
6 p.m. to 8 p.m. I. M. Wilson vs. H. Menese.
9 p.m. to 11 p.m. H. Durham vs. R. K. Vissange.
(W.I. Billiards)

Maccabi Swimming Championships

BOMBAY, Friday.

The heats of the plain diving were held at the P. M. Hindu Baths this evening and the standard witnessed was far below standard. Isaac Mansoor favourite failed to impress, but qualified for the final.

The following are the results:

R. Nanavati 74-1/2 points; R. P. Thakkar 70-1/2 points, Isaac Mansoor 49-1/2 points, C. Jangiani 47 points.

The finals of the Maccabi Water Polo Tournament for the Sir Victor Sassoon Cup will be contested this evening by P. M. Hindu 'A' and Maccabi Club.

Besides the finals of the plain diving and other swimming events will also be held.

The following is the programme:—

1. 100 m. free style (men) 2. 100 m. back stroke (men) 3. 100 m. free style (women) 4. 200 m. breast stroke (men) 5. 400 m. free style (men) 6. 100 m. breast stroke (women) 7. Plain diving (women) 8. 150 m. back stroke (women) 9. plain diving (men) 10. 100 m. back stroke (women) 11. 10XI Relay 12. Water polo final.

COOPERAGE FOOTBALL

BOMBAY, Friday.

The semi-finals of the Summergill Football Tournament was played this evening at the Cooperage and St. Francis Goan's "B" qualified for the final by virtue of their solitary goal win over Globe Sports "B".

The all important goal was registered for St. Francis's by Jerome D'Sa. St. Francis Goan's now await the winners of the other semi-final, Dandi United and Goan's "B", in the final.

PAREL SOCCER

BOMBAY, Friday.

The following are the results of the matches played in the junior division of the Harwood Football League at Parel:—

THIRD DIVISION
(St. Xavier's Ground)
G.I.P. Rly. "B"2. (D'Souza, Solomon)
R.I.A.F.I. 1. (Rao).
R.I.A.S.C. 2. (Rajan 2) BSNO.

SECOND DIVISION
Indian Culture League 4. (Rane 2, Jacob, Gawde) Khandoba Vijay 3 (Khanderao 1, Pandurang 2).

THIRD DIVISION
(G.I.P. Rly. Ground)
Bombay Gas Co. 0, Young Challenger's "B" 0.
Rainbow "B" 8 (Oscar 3, Maruti 2, Bova 2, Aftaf 1) Goan Sports D 0.
G.I.P. RLY GROUND PAREL
4-40 p.m. Blue Eagles vs. Mazagaon Institute.
5-40 p.m. Pdr. Agnelo S.C. vs. St. Francis Goan's "B".
(Harwood Third Division)

Revival Of Durand Football Tournament

SIMLA, May 20. (A.P.I.): The East Punjab Sports Control Board and the Simla Sports Association at a joint meeting yesterday decided to revive the "Durand Football Tournament" abandoned during the war.

A sub-committee was appointed to formulate plans for setting up of a gymnasium in Simla.

Calcutta Football League

CALCUTTA, May 20. (A.P.I.): The following are the results of the two matches played in the First Division Calcutta Football League today.

Aryans 0, Sporting Union 0; Rangers 1, Calcutta Garrison 0.

ENGLISH RACE HORSES DRUGGED

SALISBURY, ENGLAND, May 20. (U.P.A.): Two race horses were found apparently drugged shortly before they were to have run here yesterday afternoon.

An official said the horses, Night Time and Happy Trio, were found paralysed in their quarters and temporarily incapable of racing due to "suspected poisoning by some toxic substance".

Two other horses, Candid Lover and Winter Crop, which had travelled with the first two, also were withdrawn from their races.

French Horses For English Derby

PARIS, May 20. (P.T.I.-Reuter): Both of M. Leon Volterra's three year-old colts, Val Drake and Armour Drake, will run in the English Derby at Epsom on June 4, Madame Volterra said here today that both horses are well and her husband had decided to send them to Epsom.

N. ZEALAND WIN BY AN INNINGS

Rabone's Deadly Bowling

CAMBRIDGE May 20 (PTI-Reuter): Needing 256 to avoid an innings defeat Cambridge University resumed their second innings against the New Zealanders in fine and warm weather on a good wicket this morning.

Morris and Doggart steadily increased the overnight score of 78 for one and Morris was the first to reach his 50.

The second wicket partnership was broken by Rabone at 129 when Morris edged a ball into the wicketkeeper's hands. Doggart completed his 50 in two hours but was leg before to Cresswell after adding another 12.

With Doggart's departure the field was packed close in round the batsmen. At 170 the new ball was handed to Cresswell who promptly had Coles caught at forward square leg. Rimell fell to a splendid catch by Donnelly off Hayes, but Insole sent up the 200 with a four and with Hawkey saw play out until lunch.

The offspinner Rabone gave the tourists a complete hold on the game when he dismissed Hawkey and Stevenson with successive balls in the first over after lunch.

Popplewell joined Insole at 209 but did not last long before being beaten by Rabone's spin at 217.

Surprising opposition came from Pryer who helped Insole in a ninth wicket stand which lasted more than an hour before Pryer was caught off Burke.

Insole passed his previous highest score for the season at 70 and went on to score a capital unbeaten 79. Rabone finished off the innings by bowling Warr and the New Zealanders won by an innings and 50 runs.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY
(1st Innings) 107

NEW ZEALAND (1st Innings) for 5 wickets declared 441

Cambridge University (second innings) Morris c Reid b Rabone 56; Dewes b Hayes 32; Doggart lbw b Cresswell 62; Coles c Burtt b Cresswell 12; Rimell c Donnelly b Hayes 3, Insole (not out) 79; Hawkey b Rabone 13; Stevenson lbw Rabone 0; Popplewell b Rabone 3; Pryer c Sutcliffe b Burke 8; Warr b Rabone 0; Extras 16; Total 284.

Bowling analysis: Hayes 27-5-77-2; Cresswell 17-4-42-2; Burtt 24-9-50-0; Burke 31-10-50-1; Sutcliffe 9-3-18-0; Rabone 18-6-25-5.

BANGALORE PUNTERS TO PAY MORE

Totalisator And Betting Taxes Raised To 12½%

BANGALORE, May 20 (API): Punters at the Bangalore Races will have to pay higher taxes this year.

The totalisator and betting taxes have been raised from eight per cent to 12 and half per cent by a notification of the Government of Mysore today and this increase will be effective from tomorrow when races commence here.

In January 1933 the Government of Mysore fixed the totalisator tax at two and half per cent and the betting-tax at three and one-eighth per cent. Before racing commenced last year the taxes were raised to four per cent and later during the season the tax was increased to eight per cent.

Last year these taxes brought the Mysore Government a revenue of about Rs. 14,00,000.

Compton's Benefit Season

FRENCH CHALLENGERS FOR DERBY

(By R. C. H. Carter)

Denis Compton and Len Hutton are both due for cricket benefits this season, and their friends and supporters are determined to make these benefits exceptionally big. Compton came into county cricket for Middlesex against Sussex at Lord's seven days after his 18th birthday in 1936. He batted number 11 and scored 14 runs before being l.b.w. to Jim Parks. Appropriately enough, Compton is taking his benefit in a Sussex game this season.

Since that day in May 1936 he has hit 75 centuries in first class cricket, which averages eight 100's a full season. Had it not been for the war Compton would undoubtedly have passed one hundred 100's by now. Aged 31 this month, he should have at least 10 more years in first-class cricket, and a chance to double his century total. If Compton maintains his form Jack Hobbs' full total of 197 centuries will be in danger.

It is interesting to compare Compton's progress with that of Len Hutton. Although Hutton came into cricket two years earlier than Compton, they began test cricket together in 1937 against New Zealand. Hutton has scored 74 centuries. Up to the war he had 36 hundreds and since the war he has hit 38 compared with Compton's 51. In figures alone it is doubtful whether any player can approach Compton's 12,111 runs with an average of 70 for all first class cricket in the three years between May, 1946, and March, 1949. Bradman might have a better average but be could not match Compton's aggregate because he has played many fewer innings.

LIVELY CRICKETERS

The New Zealanders continue to excite interest and admiration by their performances in the field. Their batsmen always manage to give the spectators a lively display and even when, as happened in the Leicester match, their opening batsmen are dismissed in sensational fashion for a pair of ducks, the others who follow speedily show that their nerves are not upset by this disastrous start. The team, too, clearly posses skilled bowling talent, and altogether we may expect the New Zealanders to do quite well in the Tests.

Mervyn Wallace, the little New Zealand vice-captain, has a lead of 19 runs in the race for 1,000 runs in May. His 171 against Leicester takes him to 530 in seven innings. Bracketed next, with 511, come John Langridge of Sussex—whose run of four centuries was followed by a modest 17 against Worcester—and W. J. Edrich of Middlesex. Next the Oxford Blue, D. B. Carr, is fourth, with 476. The Cambridge stars, J. G. Dewey and G. Doggart, have collected 381 and 425 respectively.

THE DERBY

France has been concerned in winning the Derby in the last two years. My Love, of course, was partly owned by the Aga Khan, but he was trained and bred in France, and his sole owner originally was the redoubtable M. Volterra, whose second string, Royal Drake, was the Derby, second last year.

This year also M. Volterra has two colts running in the race, and both have claims to distinction. One is Amour Drake, who was fourth in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket, and who has just won the French 2,000 by five lengths from Afbace. The other Volterra colt is Val Drake who had up to this time been considered the better colt of the two; the odds offered against him were very much shorter than those in Amour Drake's case.

Now, however, there is much speculation as to their respective merits. Can Amour Drake's latest victory be taken as a sign that he has greatly improved since running at Newmarket? Is he not better suited to the Derby course than the rather lanky Val Drake?

There are other possible conclusions. One is that Amour Drakes French victory merely proves what some critics have always suspected—namely, that French classic form this year is far below that of the English classic colts. If that is the case, then the race might well seem to be destined to be won by an English colt, and at the moment there are two colts that appear to be really outstanding: Royal Forest, now practically certain to be Gordon Richard's moun and Swallow Tail.

Beckhamton, of course, has another possible Derby candidaate in Faux Tirage, who beat Trans-Atlantic recently by half-a-length in the Newmarket Stakes. It was not an impressive performance, and suggests that Faux Tirage is greatly inferior to his stable companion since Royal Forest trounced Trans-Atlantic very severely at Sandown previously. But Faux Tirage, like his brother Combat, is a lazy colt who will not do more than he is made to, and may be he is capable of better showing under pressure.

Other Derby hopes Ridgewood and the American-owned Lone Eagle, were badly beaten recently at Kempton by Summertime who is engaged in the Leger but not in the Derby. Swallow Tail is to have another pre-Derby trial this week, and we may be able to judge more of his chanves of beating all rivals at Epsom after we have seen what he does in this next race.

In addition to Swallow Tail two other English Derby candidates are to have races this week—Hindostan in the St. George Stakes (one mile 5 murlongs) at Liverpool and Nimbus in the Stockil Stakes (one-and-a-quater miles) at Doncaster.

BRITISH FOOTBALL

Britain's soccer prestige suffered a severe shock when its "star" professional team was bodly beaten et Stockholm on May 13 by the Swedes. Actually there was nothing that ought to have surprised Britain in this defeat. This team of "stars" had never played together as a team. They were just a collection of indviduals, excellent in their own department of the gabe, but rather at a loss how to fit in with the other experts in their own side.

Britain's "B" team did better against the Finns, whom they beat 4-0 on May 15. True, Finland has no great soccer pretensions; its best team is rather inferior to other European sides. But the British "B" team did show some good and intelligent team work. British selectors have now a problem as to what changes to make for the sides that have to meet Norway in Oslo and Holland in Amsterdam.

FRENCH TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

PARIS, May 20. (U.P.A.): Ricardo Balbiers of Chile beat Israel's Raphael Gornitzky, 6—0, 7—5, 6—4 in the second round of the French Tennis Championships today.

MILITARY TRAINING FOR CIVILIANS

General Cariappa, C.-in-C., Indian Army, inaugurated the scheme for military training for civilian volunteers, in Red Fort, Delhi, before a distinguished gathering. Photo shows General Cariappa instructing a civilian volunteer.

INDIANS ARE NOT SIDING WITH MALAYAN REBELS

Authorities Satisfied, Says Mr. J. A. Thivy

SINGAPORE, May 20. (PTIReuter)

MR. JOHN A. THIVY, the Government of India representative in Malaya told N. Rajamani, Press Trust of India correspondent in Singapore today that the Indian community in Malaya, numbering over 650,000, had as a whole kept itself away from siding with terrorists in Malaya.

The Malaya Federal Government authorities themselves had expressed satisfaction at this fact, Mr. Thivy said.

Documents captured from terrorists themselves had borne out this fact, Mr. Thivy added. One such document released for publication by the Malaya Government recently, purporting to contain resolutions adopted at a meeting of the "State Communist Secretariat", had this to say of Indian Labour in Malaya:

"Indian labourers in general do not understand what the object of our present armed struggle is. Some of them are afraid that if their factories are destroyed they will be unable to get work and will become homeless".

PRESSURE OF CIRCUMSTANCES

While the bulk of Indians in Malaya kept aloof from terrorists, Mr. Thivy said, there might have been a few, who either due to pressure of circumstances or because they could not help it, had aligned with terrorists. This was probably because they could not get back to areas where law and order was fully maintained.

Mr. Thivy said some 200 or 300 Indians were in detention under Emergency Regulations. Mr. Thivy recently visited these prisoners in their detention camps in various places in Malaya, Singapore, Jogore, Penang, Ipoh and Kaula Lumpur.

The Emergency Regulations provide for the detention of any person on suspicion. Thus a person could be detained on the suspicion that if he were at liberty he might consort with terrorists. Mr. Thivy said he was watching the cases of these Indian detenus closely.

SOUTH-EAST ASIA REPORT

Plea To Recognise Nationalism

LONDON, May 20 (UPA): Foreign Office and Colonial Office representatives are studying a report on South-East Asia submitted by Commissioner General Malcolm MacDonald.

It is understood the report said there are "genuine nationalist elements" with which the Western powers might conceivably reach an anti-Communist partnership. The report was said to have stressed that insurgent elements in Asia definitely change in character from Communist in the north to "honestly nationalist" in the south.

MacDonald's report includes Indo-China, Siam, Malaya, Burma and Hong Kong.

MacDonald's report summarized the current situation in South-East Asia, country by country, as follows:—

MALAYA: The Communist rebels were drawn almost entirely from the Chinese minority and are now facing a "strong nationalist element among the Malays" as well as the British armed forces.

INDO-CHINA: There is a "comparatively small band of Communists" which the Republican nationalist government is pledged to suppress.

BURMA: Thakin Nu's government was said to be seeking a settlement with the Karens in order to free itself to cope with Communist groups which were said to be splitting among themselves particularly since the announcement of Commonwealth aid for Thakin Nu.

SIAM: The Communists are almost entirely confined to the Chinese minority and the Siamese Government was said to be "actively co-operating with the British Government's anti-Communist drive in Malaya"

INDO-CHINA: Reports said although Viet Nam independence was fostered by the Communists, the movement today owes most of its strength to nationalism to which the French Government "already is preparing to make concessions".

HONG KONG: Reports warned that the influx of Chinese during the past months undoubtedly had resulted in "the massing of a large Communist element" within the colony which could menace security.

It was also stressed that besides spelling insecurity for Commonwealth lifelines, failure to recognize genuine nationalism in South-East Asia could undermine the economic recovery of the Western Union countries.

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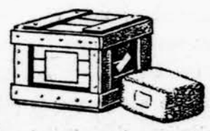

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U. N. AND PEACE

At the closing session of the present U. N. General Assembly, the Secretary-General, M. Trygve Lie, declared that "hopes of peace are brighter and faith in the United Nations is stronger than for a long time". As Indian leaders have repeatedly said, the United Nations is the only hope of peace in the world and must, for that very reason, be supported by all who care for peace. An optimistic outlook is, therefore, very necessary. But too much optimism has to be avoided. The attitude of the ostrich is always dangerous and, M. Trygve Lie, we fear, was somewhat ostrich-like. The world humanity is living in today is a mad world. And that fact has to be faced. Hopes of peace may be comparatively "brighter" but only in the sense that the situation is no worse today than it was a year ago. The fact that it has not deteriorated, is welcome but it should be regarded only as an urgent stimulant. The United Nations has to strive hard to save peace. But it must be admitted quite frankly that the United Nations is at the mercy of the Big Powers. So is peace. Yet it is the United Nations alone that can bring the Big Powers to a realisation of the dangers of their behaviour and to an understanding of the tremendous obligations they owe to humanity and the world.

As to the positive achievements of the United Nations during the year it is, at best, a "mixed bag". We do not agree, as some would have it, that the performance of the United Nations, or rather its executive organ, the Security Council, in regard to Indonesia, for instance, is at all creditable. It has actually retreated before Dutch Imperialism deserting its own Commission and its own earlier resolution. The problem has again been thrown into the melting pot. And the United Nations is soon to be tested again. In one respect, improvement has to be acknowledged. The United Nations General Assembly has tried to redeem itself in the matter of the Indian case against South Africa and has declared its allegiance to the main "raison d'etre" of the Organisation. It has had the courage to refer in its resolution to the principles and purposes of the U. N. Charter and to the Declaration of Human Rights. And it did so with only one dissentient voice. India's chief delegate paid a handsome tribute to the General Assembly when he said: "The outstanding feature of this Assembly has been its insistence on human rights and fundamental freedoms as one of the basic purposes of the Charter". In this outstanding feature the United Nations has the opportunity to redeem its soul. But redemption does not mean mere declaration, but enforcement and implementation.

Detenus' Hunger-Strike

The two hundred and odd Communist detenus who have been on hunger-strike for some days past, have been wisely urged by their friends to give up the strike. Apart from the merits of the detenus' demands for the acceptance of which they have taken this step, a hunger-strike is hardly a right method to press any demands. No just Government would or should yield to such a coercive irrational method. Gandhiji was extremely discriminating in resorting to any "fast unto death" for any political purpose. It was always undertaken as a last resort when all milder methods had failed. Yet we never approved of a single one of such fasts, though it was difficult then to rely solely on constitutional methods under a foreign and irresponsible Government. Now-a-days hunger-strikes have become indiscriminate, almost a craze and a nuisance. Often enough, they have been undertaken by persons to attract public attention, knowing that they cannot get much sympathy by normal methods. Some agitators have gone on a hunger-strike only to get ill in the hope that if they are released on parol, they may then go under-ground. Whatever may be the motives of the detenus in question, they could well have discussed their demands with Government directly or through representatives. Now that their friends have undertaken to see that their demands are conceded the hunger-strike is to be immediately given up.

As regards the detenus' demands, a statement issued by Government a few days ago says that "all reasonable demands have already been and will be met by the Government from time to time" and it proceeds to show how a number of specific demands have been substantially conceded. The friends who have now offered to intervene emphasise three demands, namely, the abolition of distinctions in the classification of detenus, family allowance, and an open trial or release. Some system of classification has long been in existence and has been accepted by many Communists. The abolition by the popular Government of the third or C class is decidedly an improvement. The first class is retained for those who have long been accustomed to a high standard of living and who are likely to get ill if the standard is unduly lowered. If they insist on equality of treatment, they can voluntarily forego their special concessions as many Satyagrahis did during the Civil Disobedience Campaign. If there are serious shortcomings in the treatment of Class II detenus, they should, of course, be considered sympathetically.

As for the demand for an open trial or release, this must be the rule in normal times or for normal offences. But numerous Communists have been found to be carrying on violent subversive activities in many parts of the country in a concerted manner. They have thus created a national crisis which demands the application of emergency laws for the preservation of public safety. The Bombay detenus have been dealt with under these laws but Government has wisely appointed a retired judge of the High Court to review the cases of all the detenus. With regard to family allowances, the Government says that the detenus who "have gone about their subversive activities in a deliberate manner", have "wantonly exposed their families to certain risks", and "cannot blame anyone the detenus are to give up their which they have brought on their families." In those cases in which Government's charges of subversive activities are upheld by the reviewing Judge, a family allowance cannot be claimed as a matter of right, though in cases of destitution some relief should be given. In those cases in which Government's charges are not upheld by the Judge, an allowance for the period of detention is justly due to the detenu. Now that hunger-strike at once, it should be easier for the intervening friends to discuss with Government the general question of the detenus' treatment.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT.

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The drainage pipe in the compound of Mr. G. D. Vartak, Minister for Local Self-Government at Malabar Hill, is overflowing and it cannot be put in order with the limited resources which the Bombay Municipality, at present, commands.

This fact was revealed by the Minister in the afternoon to Mr. B. K. Patel, Municipal Commissioner. The Minister, however, made it clear to the Municipal Commissioner, that he preferred to suffer such inconveniences with rest of Bombay, rather than the Municipality should make any special efforts on his behalf.

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Re the demand of Sir Muhammad Zafrullah Khan that the Security Council take up the "Hyderabad case" the Secretary to the Indian Delegation wrote to M. Trygve Lie: "It may have the effect of inflaming communal passions in India and thus threaten her internal security."

Quite true. But it is a question first and foremost of the internal mental security of Sir Muhammad Zafrullah Khan and Pakistan colleagues.

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Called upon to speak first in the Security Council, India's Sir B. N. Rau pointed out that conditions in Hyderabad were entirely peaceful and that no clashes had occurred and relations between the two communities were cordial.

Which constitutes three compelling reasons to make Sir Muhammad Zafrullah tearful and generally miserable.

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M. Trygve Lie is reported to have told the closing session of the General Assembly that "hopes for peace are brighter and faith in the U. N. is stronger than for a long time".

Hurray! Hurray!!

Er—has somebody got a powerful telescope?

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Saying his own Presidential piece, Dr. Herbert Evatt proclaimed: "Let the people be assured of this pledge—the fight of the U. N. for peace will go on and on, until the victory of peace with justice is assured."

For instance, peace with Italian justice in Tripolitania.

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Mr. Faiz Muhammad Khan, Afghanistan's Ambassador to Britain intends complaining to the British Government about what he decribes as Pakistan's "violation" of Afghan frontiers, which, he says, has "caused death and destruction".

An obvious futility. But whether Mr. Faiz Muhammad Khan complains to an embarrassed British Government or not, his Government at Kabul had better immediately apologise to Mr. Abdul Qaiyum Khan and, possibly, to the Government of Pakistan, or else...

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According to a Karachi report, the Government of Pakistan have prepared a scheme for educating the populace regarding Islamic principles and culture.

We hope the education begins at the beginning.

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In the Bulgarian countrywide balloting for Municipal officials, official returns give Fatherland Front (er—Communist) candidates 4,628,367 votes of the 4,784,861 cast.

We pray for the well-being of the foolhardy one hundred and sixty thousand odd.

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Berlin, May 18: Russian officials today yielded to Western pressure and undertook to investigate with urgency complaints about East Zone authorities holding up food traffic to Berlin.

And when, after investigating with urgency, Russian officials declare the complaints to be entirely unfounded?

CITY CORPORATION: WEEK BY WEEK

By "Citizen"

The longest summer vacation the new Mayor of the city planned for the Corporation before he left on his world tour might in effect prove to be the shortest. For full six weeks the corporation was not expected to meet but within a week of the beginning of that period the city fathers had to assemble at least once informally, and early next week a special requisition meeting has been fixed for considering the situation created on account of the strike of thousands of Municipal employees engaged in services like conservancy, drainage, sweeping the roads and removal of garbage. It is the third strike of its kind in the last three years...

The first strike witnessed in the middle of 1946, dragged on for a fortnight, the second which came two years later proved shortlived, thanks to the successful intervention of a few city fathers who could persuade the sweepers to resume work and refer the matter to adjudication. The Award that came out as a result of that adjudication drew pointed attention to the unhealthy and inhuman conditions in which those engaged in keeping the city clean had themselves to pass their time. During the pendency of that Award which was to run for a period of twelve months, the city is faced with a third strike and it has dragged on for nine days now.

Inadequate Palliatives

Newspaper reports say that the strike is fizzling out while the second rank of the strike leaders still out of jail claim that the men are firm and the official figures of those reporting for duty are not correct. May be that some new men have been engaged but their number cannot be sufficient to cope with the work, nor can they be expected to do the job as efficiently as those used to it for years could do. This is also true of the voluntary effort of the citizens aided by city fathers, to keep their respective areas clean. Within a few days of such voluntary work in a few areas only complaints are heard about the paucity of implements and their unsatisfactory quality. Even the drums supplied for storing garbage are said to be too small apart from the fact that their number is inadequate if one is to compare it with the vast area that has to be covered. The result of all this is that the first city in the country which has not been very clean lately, owing to the increase in population and the pressure on the depleted conservancy services, has now definitely become filthy.

Small Mercies

There are parts of the city which are stinking. Only a couple of days back I visited the Chira Bazar Market and so foul was the smell emonating from that place that for at least a hundred yards on either side of it one could not remain unaffected by it. If that be the condition of a prominent market which serves the middle class population surrounding that locality one can well imagine the conditions in the Labour area which are far below the normal level of the southern parts of the city even in ordinary times.

Luckily due to the fact that the Pumping Stations are being guarded and worked by the military this time, the drainage has not failed as it did in 1946, but the Minister for Local Self-Government is reported to have told the press that the condition on that front too had become irksome. If that is so, then what is the solution for all this?

Negotiations Inevitable

It is indeed a pity that even on so essential a problem the city fathers could not find themselves of one mind. The reports of their first informal meeting on last Sunday and the subsequent statements revealed that, while all of them agreed on the need of voluntary efforts to keep the city clean, the Opposition suggested that efforts should be made to oring the workers round to agree to adjudication which the latter had once ruled out. This did not find favour with the majority. Undaunted by that experience the Opposition, I learn will press this point of view both at the meeting of the Standing Committee on Friday and later at the Special meeting on Monday. It is not difficult to say what fate the suggestion will meet. One thing however seems to be clear. Sooner or later there will have to be negotiations with the strikers, however ill-advised the strike may be and even when there is agreement that their leadership has failed to check the men.

Colossal Task

No one, of course, will subscribe to the idea that because these men do a special kind of work for the city, for which other classes of citizens do not offer themselves, they should hold the city to ransom and put forward unreasonable demands, but the very fact that the Municipal Commissioner was carrying on negotiations with the Union leaders for coming to a settlement and that there have been feelers even after a week of actual strike that settlement should be reached points to the way the dispute will ultimately have to be settled. If that is to be the final outcome of all this then why delay it? Is the question that a harassed citizen naturally asks. The disclaimer by the Leader of the Congress Party in the Corporation of the report that his visit to Ahmedabad was to import sweepers from that city, and the experience of 1946 goes to prove that it is not possible to import such labour in any large quantity and until our conservancy services are fully mechanised and the human factor in them reduced to the minimum the city will have to depend on the present staff.

Dr. Ambedkar's Role

In this connection, a recent report says that Dr. B. R. Ambedkar the Law Member of the Government of India, is due to arrive in the city soon and as he happens to be the president of the Municipal Kamgar Sangh to which the strikers owe allegiance he is expected to intervene in the matter and bring about a settlement. One does not know how far this report is correct. Actually as this paper had pointed out Dr. Ambedkar arrived in the city a day prior to the strike and he was here for a couple of days even after the men struck work. It would be interesting to learn why his services were not availed of when the fact of his presence in the city was known to the authorities. However as the saying goes, better late than never, if the authorities even now approach the Doctor and utilise his undoubted influence with the strikers it will bring relief to the citizens, who are in dire need of such relief.

Patchwork Futile

It must at the same time be pointed out that it will be no use merely patching up the differences for a while and allowing them to crop up once again and create the same type of difficulties with which this city has been so painfully acquainted in the recent past. But a permanent solution needs that the whole question of the relations of the Municipality with its employees should be looked into and thoroughly examined. True that the Municipality alone cannot do so as it is ultimately related to the major labour problem in the country and in order to tackle it on a sound and lasting basis the Governments both the Provincial and the Central must come to its aid. It cannot however be disputed that if the city is to be saved periodic strikes of this nature and the dislocation it involves, and if we are to settle down to real improvements in the standards of amenities to the citizens one of the pre-conditions is the betterment of relations between the Municipality and its employees and the sooner that object is achieved the better for all concerned.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Postal Delays

Mr. Rafi Ahmad Kidwai, Minister in the India Government for Communications, has commented in Calcutta on postal delays and explained how the system is being overhauled and improved. We do not suppose conditions in Calcutta are any different from conditions in other parts of India and from our own experience we may say that things could not be very much worse than they are at present. In a suburban area, the postal deliveries which used to be four in the day on week-days have been cut down to three, the two morning deliveries having been amalgamated. The postmen who now come around seem new and raw hands who are in the throes of learning their work, and bring to their lessons the prevailing carefree attitude of the present-day learner. Letters are delivered wrongly and the wrong addressee is expected to sort out his own mail and pass the misdirected to the next postman for correct handing over. Now is this all. In the interests, so we are told, of greater despatch and prompter delivery, post offices are now not stamping letters at the receiving end. There is only one postal cancellation mark and that is of the despatching office. In these circumstances, we have no means of finding out how many days the mail has taken to reach the receiving office and how long it has been lying there. It is unreasonable to expect things to go according to routine after getting rid of the routine precautions.

Fasting To Fail

It takes all sorts to make up the world. A young man in Allahabad fearing that he would not got a pass with distinction in Politics at the M.A. Examination, asked the head of his department to cancel his answer papers. This was apparently not possible and his fears were amply borne out in that he just passed. In order to get his way and secure another chance he has gone on a hunger-strike and refuses to eat until he is failed. With that kind of mentality we should be extremely surprised if he ever secures distinction no matter how long he waits for it. Time was, and perhaps it still is, when students in Bombay put off appearing for the M.A. because the Chancellor's Medal was not that year awarded in their subject. One very earnest young man waited four years and won his reward. But there must be a limit to individual eccentricity and the hunger-striker should be told not to benave in a silly way.

Election Expenses

Prof. K. T. Shah, who has perhaps to his credit the largest number of amendments with Draft Constitution moved a new article on Thursday that the State should bear the election expenses of candidates to Parliament in accordance with a scale prescribed by Parliament, provided that any candidate getting less than 10 per cent of the votes cast should not be entitled to claim such expenses. The motion was doubtless well-meant and calculated to make it possible for poor but worthy men to be elected. As things are, such persons find it a hopeless attempt to get elected to the legislatures, so heavy now-a-days are election expenses. But if Prof Shah's motion were accepted by the House, it would encourage a very large number of persons of poor qualifications who might hope to get more than 10 per cent of the votes cast. This would impose a heavy burden on the State and may yet fail to help a poor candidate as his rich rivals will always be able to spend a great deal more on election propaganda. The best way in the circumstances would be that organised parties should in their own interests invite candidates of high qualifications even if they are poor and should pay their election expenses from their party funds.

Parliamentary Privileges

The question of privileges of parliamentary was warmly discussed but finally it was resolved that the privileges and immunities should be those laid down by Parliament from time to time but till that time they should be the same as those enjoyed by the British House of Commons. There need not have been any opposition to the latter provision. The privileges enjoyed by the British House of Commons are recognised all over the world as just, if not as models. They have also stood the test of long experience. And, after all, their adoption in India is only temporary. It is open to Parliament to improve upon the later.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Message Rate System

Mr. N. S. Bathena's speech on the subject of the introduction of the message rate telephone-system at the special general meeting of the Indian Merchant's Chamber, as reported in your paper, ventilates a number of grievances, and the feelings of most members of the general public, and of telephone subscribers in particular.

In spite of the repeated assurances of Mr. Sunderam (the general manager of the telephones) of improved service, most people are convinced that public interests have been entirely overlooked in the new changeover.

After many efforts, each costing six pice, many subscribers have discovered for themselves that with the introduction of the message rate many telephone numbers have been changed. Apparently Government did not see any necessity to give early publicity to this fact in the newspapers or to issue a new Directory in time. The new Directory will no doubt come out in another fortnight we are informed, but in the meantime there will be unnecessary pressure on the lines due to ineffectual calls and needless expense and harassment to callers.

R. KHAMBATA

News Authenticity

It is distressing to note the increasing frequency of news reports which are later "authoritatively" described as either false or exaggerated. One would be led to believe that integrity in news collection and dissemination is fast going out of fashion over here. One day we are told that troops helped the cleaning of sweeper-struck Bombay; then Minister Vartak says that not a single soldier was asked to handle a broom. One day the papers come out with the report that Mr. Dahyabhai Patel is hopping to Ahmedabad to bring over some of that city's sweepers to help Bombay city; then Mr. Dahyabhai Patel himself issues a statement saying that he is amused at the absurdity of the report. News agencies report snakes dying in thousands, whereas actually only about forty or fifty of them died (or were killed, to be precise). Rajen Babu is quoted as saying that he is shocked at the widespread corruption among Government officials, and later he himself issues a statement saying that the report is grossly exaggerated. At least with reference to the city's news, the city's papers could present factual news— and they could be helped by the authorities to present facts.. Is it so difficult to say definitely whether troops helped clean the streets or not? Or was it a colourful instance of wishful thinking? One wishes one could be shocked into a greater respect for the sacredness of disseminating correct news, because, after all, a newspaper is meant just for that.

MU THETA.

Co-operation Or Coercion?

Addressing a Press Conference in Bombay last week after the preview of certain films produced by the Films Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Shri Diwakar is reported to have sought the co-operation of journalists, writers film producers and exhibitors to build up a new democracy in India. He has placed before us lofty ideals and great objects to be served by educational and cultural films in India.

It is, however, most astonishing that Shri Diwakar is seeking the co-operation of the film trade at the point of the bayonet. Presumably at the direction of the Centre, the Provincial Governments have incorporated a condition in the Exhibitor's licence, whereby he is to show about 2000 ft. of "Approved" films at every show. To secure these 'approved' films, he is asked to pay a rental and get them from the Assistant Controller (Distribution), Films Division. Is this co-operation or coercion?

Exhibitors have not even been given an opportunity to co-operate with Government; they have not even been invited to the previews of the films which Government want them to show and pay for! Exhibitors are just asked to submit to coercion and call it co-operation!

My Association has placed this matter and the difficulties of the trade before Government. Shri Diwakar is reported to have evaded the issues raised by us when they were referred to at the Press Conference.

I am sure exhibitors will cooperate with our own Government in all reasonable measures taken by them to promote our national interests, provided they are given necessary facilities.

The whole matter may be considered by the proposed Cinema Enquiry Committee before any steps are taken by Government in pursuance of the policy now announced by Shri. Diwakar. Any spasmodic or ill-conceived measures taken by Government will only serve to defeat their purpose.

B. D. BHARUCHA,
President,
Cinematograph Exhibitors' Association of India

Rural Programmes

The features and dramas being broadcast these days in the Kannada rural programmes of Bombay station are really entertaining and educating.

But one serious shortcoming of these programmes is their very short duration which gives the listener feeling of everything being rushed through at terrific speed. Given more time these programmes could be enjoyed by a wider listening clientele.

RADIO LOVER

Gandhiana

The Hindustan Students Association of America, Berkeley Chapter, California, is undertaking the collection of books and other writings on or by Mahatma Gandhi with the purpose of opening a Gandhi Memorial Wing in the library of the University of California.

We Indian students believe that by such an endeavour we can best promote Indo-American relations and enhance the feeling of respect and friendship for India which is already growing in America. We are hoping to receive substantial contributions of "Gandhiana" from India. All contributions will be duly acknowledged in the Memorial Wing as gifts from the persons donating them, unless anonymity is specifically requested.

Contributions may be in the form of books and writings on or about Mahatma Gandhi (there are known to be some 2700 of those) or in the form of money which we shall use to secure "Gandhiana" which are not contributed directly. Contributions may be sent to the editor Harijan—Wardha, or C/o. M. Z. Khaiser, Gandhi Memorial Wing Drive Committee, International House, Berkeley 4, California.

M. Z. KHAISER

SOUTH AFRICAN DISCOVERIES

JOHANNESBURG—South Africa is believed to have led the world with two discoveries—one described as "the complete answer to timber requirements in building", the other a "bridging agent" which will double the Union's imported creosote supplies.

Both discoveries have been made by the Forest Products Institute in Pretoria.

The first concerns pentachlorephenol, an extremely useful preservative for ordinary household and building timbers, but which until now has had the disadvantage that wood treated with it has "bloomed" after treatment that is to say, small crystals from on the surface and constitute an irritant when touched.

The dissolving oil used with the preservative also seeped out after the timber was placed in position as floors, ceilings of picture rails.

After many months of tests, one expert suggested the use of dehydrated castor oil in the mixture. It was an immediate success.

A paraffin, dehydrated castor oil and pentachloro phenol mixture was found to have none of the oiliness or undesirable features of earlier mixture. It is in fact so free from "oiliness" after drying that a piece of paper dipped in the mixture can be written on with ink several hours later.

It is believed to be the complete answer to building requirements.

Another remarkable feature of the new preservative is its penetrability When preserving wood with creosote, it is subjected to a pressure of 200 lbs. to the square inch at a temperature of 200 degrees.

With the new preservative, the majority of building timbers need merely be immersed. It penetrates right through in a matter of minutes.

The institute has also developed a new low-pressure cylinger for the use of pentachlorophenol for woods which are not so easily penetrated, such as hardwoods.

The second discovery is that of a "bridging agent" which makes it possible to mix certain mineral fuel oils with creosote, something which up till now has not been possible, since the use of some oils without a "bridging agent" causes an asphaltic deposit or sluge, from the creosote.

The "bridging agent" is an aromatic pil produced in the United States.

In America, certain oils are available which are comparable with creosote and which have been used for years in that country; but they are not available in South Africa at the present time.

Before the war, natura. aromatic oils were freely available and the problem did not a rise. These oils came from the island of Tarakan in the Pacific.

During the war, the Japanese occupied the island and blew up the oils wells.

South Africa at that time had to rely solely on Iscor for its creosote supplies and a type known as F.P.I. was developed.

The demand now is so great, however, that Iscor cannot cope with it, and imports of a lighter type of creosote are also made from both Britain and Australia. P.T.I.—Reuter.

Czechs Boycott Yugoslav Tours

PRAGUE, (PTI-Reuter):— For the second season in succession Yugoslavia is to be abrred to Czech holiday makers. This year's organised excursions from Czechoslovakia will be directed by the Trade Unions Council to Polish and Bulgarian sea resorts.

Until the Cominform break with Marshall Josip Tito last year many thousands of Czechs were taking advantage of holidays tours to the Adriatic.

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SWEEPERS' STRIKE FIGURES IN STANDING COMMITTEE

Proposal To Negotiate With Kamgar Sangh Rejected

BOMBAY, Friday.

MR. B. K. PATEL, Municipal Commissioner today, told the Standing Committee of the Bombay Municipal Corporation that the Municipal Kamgar Sangh was adamant from the very beginning, and all attempts made by him to bring about an amicable settlement and avert a strike by sweepers proved futile.

Mr. Patel was replying to Mr. Dinkar Desai's proposal that the Municipal Commissioner should consider the desirability of getting into touch with the Union leaders immediately to resume negotiations for an amicable settlement of the strike. Mr. Patel said that he had proposed to the Sangh leaders to refer the dispute for adjudication but the categorically refused and from their attitude it was evident that they cared little for the law of the land.

LEADERS BREAK PROMISE

The Municipal Commissioner added that he told the Sangh leaders that in case their talks for a settlement failed, they should give him at least 10 days' notice before going on strike in order to enable him to place the matter before the Corporation or the Standing Committee and seek their advice as to what he should do under the circumstances. The Saugh leaders had assured him that they would give him 3 days' notice. But they did not keep their word.

The Municipal Commissioner said that a certain body of workers, apparently Communists, was not prepared to pay heed to the law of the land. Under these circumstances, no useful purpose would be served by getting in touch with the Sangh leaders in jail, unless they desired negotiations. The Corporation would consider the strike situation on Monday and their guidance in the matter would be followed by him, he added.

Earlier Mr. Homi Talyarkhan proposed that the correspondence that passed between the Municipal Commissioner and th Kamgar Sangh Secretary should be recorded.

DINKER DESAI'S AMENDMENT

Mr. Dinker Desai proposed an amendment "that the letters from the Commissioner be refered back to him with the intimation that the Standing Committee are of opinion that a substitute conservancy and sanitation service cannot be effectively organised as the Commissioner seeks to do and, therefore, the Standing Committee are of the considered view that the Commissioner should consider the desirability immediately of getting into touch with the Union leaders and resume negotiations for an amicable settlement of the strike."

"That further the Standing Committee are of opinion that the arrest and detention of Union leaders under the Public Security Measures Act and also the policy of prosecuting the strikers unrer the Essentials Services Act are not at all conducive to an amicable settlement of the dispute The Standing Committee, therefore, recommends to the Corporation to urge upon the Government the desirability of abandoning its repressive policy and of immediately releasing the Union leaders and the strikers."

NEED FOR CORRECT REPORTS

Mr. Desai said that there was a lot of confusion in the minds of the public due to divergency of reports appearing in the local papers regarding the strike and suggested that the Municipal Commissioner should issue statement to the press in future instead of giving interviews to individual press reporters. He asked how many of the 6,000 workers now on duty, were substitutes. According to his information—he had reasons to believe them to be correct—the Sangh had a membership of 12,144 and they claimed that not a single member of the Sangh had gone to work since the beginning of the strike. He condemned the Government's policy in arresting the strike leaders and urged the Municipal Commissioner to open negotiations with the strike leaders to bring about a settlement.

Mr. Desai's amendment was supported by Socialist members including Prof. V. S. Velinkar. Mr. Rohit Dave and R. D. Bhandarkar.

Speaking on the amendment, Mr. Homi J. H. Talyarkhan said that the situation was not as bad as it was sought to be made out by the amendment. The citizens, he said, were aware of their responsibility. He asked the Standing Committee members to accept his proposal to record the correspondence that passed between the Sangh and the Municipal Commissioner.

Mr. B. R. Nayan and other members who supported Mr. Talyarkhan said that no useful purpose would be served by any negotiations unless the strikers showed willingness for a settlement.

Mr. Desai's amendment was lost by a majority vote.

MADHYA BHARAT MINISTRY

Efforts To Include Former Premier's Supporters Fail

INDORE, May 20 (API)—The talks which the Madhya Bharat's new Premier Mr. G. K. Vijayavargi has been holding with the former Premier Pandit Liladhar Joshi in an effort to include in the Ministry Pandit Joshi's supporters have borne no fruit yet, it was reported today.

The Premier, Mr. Vijayavargi has left for Gwalior to apprise the Rajpramukh, the Maharaja of Gwalior, of the course of negotiations. Later he is expected to seek the advice of Serdar Vallabhbhai Patel at Dehra Dun, where Pandit Joshi is also likely to be present.

Mr. Vijayavargi, unanimously elected leader of the Congress Dhara Sabha Party on May 4 after the resignation of Pandit Liladhar Joshi's Ministry formed a week later a "Provisional Ministry" of five, and initiated discussions with Pandit Joshi for the inclusion of the former Premier and his supporters in the Ministry.

The Congress Party's resolution, electing him leader, had stipulated that he should select his colleagues in consultation with Pandit Joshi.

COMMUNICATION BY CABLE

March Penny On Its Important Role

BOMBAY, Friday.

In the course of a lecture on cable communication, Mr. March Penny, Chief Cable Engineer of the Cable Ship 'Recorder', told a gathering which met under the auspices of the Engineering Officers' Association at the Central Telegraph Office this evening, that cable communication would play an important role in the future history of mankind as a link between the nations of the world.

Mr. Penny, who, as Chief Cable Engineer of the 'Recorder', has during the past few months been engaged in fulfilling a commission to repair the cables laid on the ocean bed in the Indian Ocean Area, has in the past eight days carried out the necessary repairs to the cables around Bombay Harbour.

Following a brief resume of the development of communication by cables in the past, Mr. Penny said that the cable enterprise which was approaching its centenary, was the first means of annihilating space and time, and had contributed in a large measure to the winning of the last world war.

SUBMARINE CABLE

There existed today, he continued, 335,000 miles of submarine cable—enough to gridle the world 13 times.

Since its inception in 1937, the Indian Overseas Communication Service handled 80 million words each year and had a net revenue of Rs. 11 million. A vast mileage of cables today linked India with America, England, China and Australia. India had the distinction of having the first submarine telegraph line, which was laid across the Hoogly in the forties of the last century.

The line, however, did not prove a complete success because of technical flaws.

Cables had become the fastest means of communication and would grow in importance as a medium of international intercourse, concluded the speaker.

Mr. M. Sundaram, General Manager of the Bombay Telephone Company, presided on the occasion.

Accompanying Mr. Penny, was Lt. Commander C. C. Muckleston, Chief Officer of the Cable Ship Edward Wilshaw, which manned by an Indian crew will undertake repair and restoration of cable lines in the Indian Ocean Area as of September next year.

CITIZENSHIP OF INDIANS OVERSEAS

Sir B. N. Rao's Broadcast Talk

NEW DELHI, May 20 (UPI): "Citizenship is sometimes, but not always, synonymous with nationality. The concept of citizenship or nationality must, however,be carefully distinguished from that domicile. Domicile means habitual and permanent residence and has no direct connection with citizenship or nationality which usually depends upon the place of birth of the person concerned or the nationality of his father For example, a person born in the United States of the America does not necessarily cease to be a citizen of the United States even if he chooses to settle in some other country".

Thus said Sir B. N. Rao, Constitutional Adviser to the Government of India in a broadcast talk this evening on "citizenship of Indians overseas".

STREET CLEANING IN CITY

Due to the strike of sweepers in city, streets have become dirty. To help to keep them clean, citizens have taken a hand in cleaning operations. The picture shows social workers busy in their work in Khetwadi on Friday.

"DON'T ACCEPT DIXIT MAHARAJ'S EVIDENCE"

Karkare's Counsel's Plea

SIMLA, May 20, (A.P.I.):

MR. DANGE, Counsel for Vishnu R. Karkare, continued his arguments today in the Mahatma Gandhi murder case appeal before the Full Bench of the East Punjab High Court.

Mr. Dange referred to the evidence of Dada Maharaj and Dixit Maharaj and submitted that as both the witnesses had failed to identify Karkare their evidence should not be accepted by their Lordships.

Mr. Justice Achruram: Dada Maharaj does not connect Karkare with any material event.

Mr. Dange: But my Lord his brother Dixit Maharaj testifies Karkare's presence at his (Dixit Maharaj's) house on January 15 where the explosives and arms were alleged to have been examined.

Mr Dange added that the defence suggestion was that Karkare was not at all present at Dixit Maharaj's residence on January 15. As Dixit Maharaj failed to identify Karkare it could not be safely held that Karkare was present at the residence of Dixit Maharaj on January 15. He would, therefore, submit that no reliance be placed on Dixit Maharaj's evidence.

REJECT VASANT'S EVIDENCE

Mr. Dange then discussed the evidence of Vasant Joshi relating to the meeting of Godse, Apte, Karkare and Gopal at Thana in Jan. 25 and submitted that evidence of Vasant should be rejected by their Lordships as the real witness who could speak the truth was his father, G. M. Joshi. Vasant Joshi was under the pressure of the police.

Criticising the police witnesses Mr. Dange said they had no right to confront the accused with each other.

Mr. Dange took objection to the questions put by the Sessions Judge to the accused and submitted that under the law the court was entitled to put general questions only.

IDENTIFICATION PARADES

Mr. Dange said that the delay in the identification parades, the manner in which they were held and the "interference" by the police in them had "vitiated" the identification proceedings.

So far as the trial was concerned, he said, there ought to have been three separate trials, one in regard to the incident of January 20, the other in regard to murder, and the third in regard to Dr. Parchure.

Mr. Justice Achuram: But the conspiracy is one transaction.

The special judge, Mr. Dange said seemed to be prejudiced against the accused.

INAMDAR'S ARGUMENTS

Mr. P.L. Inamdar, counsel for Gopal Godse and Dr. Parachure, was then called upon to argue his case.

Mr. Inamdar arguing for Gopal Godse, said that the examination of the approver relating to the incident of January 20 had prejudiced the defence case. The defence had no opportunity to cross-examine Badge's corroborating witnesses."

The defence, Mr. Inamdar said, had not admitted the visit of Apte and Badge to Birla House on the morning of January 20. If Bhur Singh and Choturam had been examined after Badge, the defence could have demolished that evidence. The defence had been materially prejudiced by the examination of Birla house witnesses before the examination of Badge.

Mr. Inamdar then questioned the jurisdiction of the Special judge in granting pardon to approver Badge and submitted that the deposition of Badge was inadmissible as the judge had no power to give him pardon. Their Lordships pointed out that the special judge was given power with retrospective effect to grant pardon to the approver under Bombay Security Measures Act, 1947.

Mr. Inamdar then referred to the incident of January 20 and said that the explosion of the gun coton slab by Madanlal on that day near the prayer meeting at Birla House was an individual act. Sulochana, Chotturam and Bhursingh in their evidence did not say that Madanlal's companions asked him to ignite the gun cotton slab.

Mr. Inamdar took up the evidence of Dixit Maharaj and said that it should not be believed. Badge was admittedly hand in glove with Dixit Maharaj in storing illegal arms at Dixit Maharaja's place. The police would have threatened to prosecute Dixit Maharaj for storing illegal arms if he did not give evidence to corroborate Badge.

Dealing with the possession of Explosives Mr. Inamdar contended that there was no evidence on record to show that the accused, except Madanlal and Shanker, were in possession of explosives on January 20. He would, therefore, submit that the conviction on the charge of possession of explosives be quashed.

Mr. Inamdar added that he would request their Lordships to exercise great caution in accepting Badge's story that the accused had any criminal intention and that there was a conspiracy behind the action of Madanlal on January 20.

Dealing with Gopal Godse's case Mr. Inamdar submitted that the evidence of Govindram should be rejected.

As regards the evidence of Amchekar, who had testified the presence of Gopal in Sharif Hotel, Delhi, Mr. Inamdar said that Amchekar who was a refugee from Sind was in such a condition that he could be easily induced by the police to testify the presence of Gopal in Sharif Hotel.

Mr. Inamdar had not concluded his arguments when the court rose for the day.

GODOWN BROKEN OPEN

Rs. 40,000 Worth Goods Stolen

BOMBAY, Friday:

A perfumery godown at Memonwada, Pydhoni was broken open and property worth Rs. 40,000 was stolen in the early hours of Thursday morning. The Bombay C.I.D. with whom a complaint was lodged, later on arrested five persons in this connection and recovered all the property which included perfumery, toilets, razor blades and other luxury articles.

The alleged culprits, according to the police, opened the godown lock with the help of a duplicate key and after removing the property from the premises took it in a motor lorry to a place at Dadar where they made an attempt to dispose it of.

The C.I.D on getting the information sent a bogus customer to a Wadi near the G.I.P. Dadar Railway station where the stolen property was kept for disposal. The bogus customer agreed to pay the price demanded by the alleged culprits when the police raided and seized the property.

Deputy Inspector Kane and Sub Inspector Razdan who carried out the raid arrested Shantaram Laxman, Gulab Saheb, Chandu Ram and Ramu Ishwar on the spot. They stated that Gulab Saheb is the watchman of the godown.

The C.I.D. are making further inquiries.

City Arrests

Mr. K. M. Salvi, a communist leader of Bombay was arrested by the C.I.D. yesterday under the Public Security Measures Act. Mr. Salvi's arrest, it is stated, was made in connection with the city Sweepers' strike.

H. M. I. S. 'DELHI'S' CRUISE

Mauritius Prepares For Warm Welcome

MAURITIUS, May 18.

A great welcome awaits HMIS 'Delhi' which left Bombay in the first week of this month on her Indian Ocean cruise and is expected here on May 24.

Although during the past, many a cruiser and man-of-war from England, France and other countries has visited Mauritius, the visits of HMIS 'Delhi', flying free India's tricolour, will perhaps be a unique event of its kind.

The fact that a cruiser of free India will be visiting this island for the first time has evoked unbounded enthusiasm among the Indo-Mauritius here. While the Official Naval Entertainment Committee has drawn up a comprehensive programme, the Indo-Mauritian community has set up a Citizens' Reception Committee of its own to welcome the officers and men of the RIN aboard the cruiser.

The programme for the cruiser's one-week stay here has not yet been finalised, but it is expected to include a State banquet by the Colonial Government, a garden party at Government House, visits to sugar-estates and sea-side bathing places, some of which are considered to be the most beautiful in the Indian Ocean. Of the numerous functions being arranged by the citizens, a very prominent one will be a garden party on the famous Port Louis Race-course 'Maidan,' where about 1,500 guests are expected to be present.

Mauritius has ancient cultural links with India, and a good deal of the Island's present-day prosperity is mainly due to the thousands of Indians who came and settled down here a century ago.

MADHYA BHARAT LEADER TO BE RELEASED

GWALIOR, May 20 (API): The vacation bench of the Gwalior High Court, after hearing a habeas corpus petition, ordered the release of Mr. Anand Bihari Misra, Leader of the Opposition of the Madhya Bharat Dhara Sabha.

A warrant for the arrest of Mr. Misra was issued by the Magistrate of Gwalior under the Public Safety Act on April 28 and he was arrested at Indore a few days later.

Mr. Justice B. K. Chaturvedi delivering judgement described the detention of Mr. Misra as "a fraud on the statute". He ordered the Government to pay Rs. 100 to Mr. Misra as compensation.

REPRESENTATIONS FOR REPOSTING

NEW DELHI, May 20 (UPI): The Reshuffling Committee set up by the Government of India to review such cases of postings by the Transfer Bureau as involve gross disparities between the present and previous employment of displaced Central Government servants and refugee Provincial Government servants, have fixed June 30, 1949, as the last date for the receipt of representations for reposting, says a press note.

Any such Transfer Bureau nominee may forward his application through his department to the Reshuffling Officer, Ministry of Home Affairs, so as to reach him by that date. Any association interested in the rehabilitation of displaced persons may also bring relevant matters to the notice of the Reshuffling Officer before the date mentioned above.

Village Guards In Saurashtra

RAJKOT, May 20 (API): The Saurashtra Government have decided to supply fire arms to villages wanting to organise "village guards", according to a Home Ministry press note issued today.

The maximum number of three rifles would be provided to each village after the Village Boards have guaranteed that the rifles thus provided would not be misused.

Freedom From Food Imports

MINISTER'S CALL TO KISANS

MEERUT, May 20 (API): Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, Food and Agriculture Minister, told a gathering of over 15,000 kisans at Bhaghpat, on Wednesday last, the whole-hearted co-operation of the kisans of India was necessary for achieving freedom from food imports by 1951. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Meerut District Political Conference.

Mr. Jairamdas said that the Government was spending Rs. 120 crores annually for import of foodstuffs. If India could get freedom from food imports, she would have the wherewithal for increasing production in other directions.

The Minister hoped that the Kisans would put forth their best efforts to achieve self-sufficiency.

DIRECT RAIL LINK WITH ASSAM

Completion Expected By February 1950

CALCUTTA, May 20 (API): The 200 miles rail link connecting Assam with the rest of Indian Union, entirely through Indian territory, is scheduled to be completed by February, 1950.

A labour force of over 7,000, it is learnt, is working on the project which involves 145 miles of new construction. The plan is to connect up Kishengunge on the O. T. Railway with Fakiragram on the Assam Railway.

It is estimated that till now over a 100,000 tons of materials have had to be transported to different points of construction of the new link.

The only rail link connecting Assam with the rest of India now passes through Eastern Pakistan.

Pakistan Wants Cordial Relations With India

SIMLA, May 20 (API): The Deputy High Commissioner for Pakistan in India, Major-General Abdur Rehman, said in an interview here today that Pakistan was anxious to develop "as much trade as possible with Indian Dominion and keep our relations as cordial as we can."

He said that every abducted woman must be recovered, for this would go a long way to improve the relations between the people of both the Dominions.

The Deputy High Commissioner today discussed with the Home Secretary to the East Punjab Government, Mr. M. R. Bhide, the question of exchange of records of prisoners who have already been repatriated to either Dominion. He is expected to meet Mr. Bhimsen Sachar, East Punjab Premier, at Jullundur on May 27.

Agrarian Reforms Body For Hyderabad

HYDERABAD, May 20, (API): The Hyderabad Government has appointed a three-man committee to examine the Agrarian problems in the state and submit a report to the Government. The terms of reference to the committee will be announced shortly.

The committee comprises Mr. N. Madhav Rau, former Dewan of Mysore (Chairman), Mr. Ghulam Hyder of Hyderabad civil service, and Dr. R. V. Rao of the Nizam's College.

Faqir Of Ipi Seriously Ill

PESHAWAR, May 20, (PTI-Reuter): The legendary Pathan tribesman leader of the North West Frontier, the Faqir of Ipi, is lying seriously ill in the Gurmakhat cave, according to reports reaching here.

People IN THE NEWS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

MAHABALESHWAR, May 19: Mrs. L. G. Fisher and Miss. Picken came to lunch. The Governor of Bombay and Rani Maharaj Singh attended a Government House Estate Holiday Camp Social Entertainment where they were received by Shri T. J. Gajjar. Rani Maharaj Singh gave away the prizes.

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EARL OF CAITHNESS

COLOMBO, May 20 (PTI-Reuter): Brigadier, the Earl of Caithness, new Chief of the Ceylon Defence Force and Military Adviser to the Ceylon Government, arrived in Colombo today to organise the new Ceylon army.

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RAFI AHMED KIDWAI

CALCUTTA, May 20 (API): Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, India's Minister for Communications, left by air this morning for Delhi.

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DR. T. V. SOONG

KARACHI, May 20 (UPI): Doctor T. V. Soong, former Chinese Premier and Madame Soong passed through Karachi on his way to France this morning. When approached by pressmen Dr. Soong replied that he had nothing to say on the Communist sweep through China.

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PANDIT NEHRU

NEW DELHI, May 20 (API): The Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, left for Dehra Dun this afternoon to attend the A.I.C.C. Session opening tomorrow. He was accompanied by the U.P. Premier, Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant.

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JAGJIVAN RAM

NEW DELHI, May 20 (UPI): Shri Jagjivan Ram, Labour Minister, Government of India, would leave tomorrow morning for Dehra Dun to attend the A.I.C.C. Session. He would return to Delhi on the 24th night after attending a conference of hill-tribes and aboriginals at Chalkrauta.

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INDIAN DELEGATE FOR U. N.

NEW YORK, May 20 (PTI-Reuter): The Indian delegation to the adjourned session of the United Nations' General Assembly dispersed here today on their way homeward. Mr. M. C. Setalvad, Leader of the delegation, left this afternoon for Geneva from where he is expected to leave for India on May 29.

Mrs. Renuka Ray left by air and Mrs. B. Shiva Rao by the Queen Mary, both for London. All three are expected to catch a plane at Geneva on May 29, reaching India on May 31.

Mr. C. S. Jha, the fourth member of the delegation, leaves here tomorrow, but will reach India few days earlier than the other.

Procurement Officers Open Fire

BAREILLY, May 20, (API): A parity of procurement officers opened fire yesterday on a crowd of villagers in village Kharseni, 15 miles from here. No casualties were reported.

A communique issued by the District Magistrate said that when the officers asked the cultivators to send in their grain to the nearest centre they "resisted and turned up armed with lathis prepared to assault The officers then opened fire".

The communique added that some persons were arrested and that a magisterial enquiry was being held.

SIMLA, May 20, (API): About 500 prisoners out of a total jail population of about 11,000 are expected to be released in order to relieve congestion in east Punjab Jails, it was officially learned here to-day.

CUT OUT R AND KEEP

REVISED RATION QUANTUM

Foodgrains ration quantum for the 21st Rationing Week, commencing from Sunday, May 22, 1949 to Saturday, May 28, 1949, has been fixed as follows:—

Total Cereal Ration Per Week	Per Adult (2 Foodgrains Units)	Per Child (1 Foodgrains Units)	Per Heavy Manual Labourer's Supplementary Ration Card of One Unit.
Total Cereal Ration Per Week	3.1/8 seers= 84 ozs.	1.9/16 seers= 42 ozs.	1 seer=27 ozs.
Maximum available in Rice	1 seer=27 ozs	1/2 seer= 13 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
of which— (1) Maximum available in Rice Sort 1-A (2) Rice Sort 1-C	1 seer=27 ozs.	1/2 seer= 13 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
(3) Raw Rice Sort II	1/2 seer= 14 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
Maximum available in Wheat grain*	1.1/2 seers= 41 ozs.	3/4 seer=21 ozs.	1/2 seer=13 ozs.
Maximum available in Dehusked Barley	5/8 seer=16 ozs.	5/16 seer=8 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
Maximum available in Milo (if available)	5/8 seer=16 ozs.	5/16 seer=8 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.

* One seer of wheat ration is equivalent to one unit of Bread and one unit of Bread is equivalent to 28 ozs. of Bread.

Bread Tickets can be obtained within the permissible quantity of wheat ration at the rate of one Bread Unit per seer of wheat ration.

Bread is only available on Bread Tickets during the week marked on the tickets and upto Saturday of the following week.

The concession of allowing a Bread Ticket of one unit on a Child's ration card against surrender of the entire ration will continue.

Stop Press

MADHYABHARAT MINISTRY

GWALIOR, May 20, (API): Mr. Gopkrishna Vijayavargi, premier of Madhyabharat, announced here to-day that all his efforts to form a composite ministry had failed and that he proposed to submit some more names for his ministry to the Rajpramukh within a day or two

M. R. MASANI

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 20, (UPA): M. R. Masani, Ambassador from India, will shortly relinquish his post here and proceed to India, it was understood today. He will be relieved by Aftab Rai, who has been appointed Charge d'Affairs pending arrival of a new ambassador.

PAKISTAN'S REPLY TO U.N.C.I.P.

KARACHI, May 20, (PTI-Reuter): The Kashmir Sub-Committee of the Pakistan Cabinet today considered the final truce proposals of the UNCIP. Pakistan's reply to the proposals, it is learnt, will be delivered after further discussions between representatives of the Government of Pakistan and members of UNCIP.

REDS SHELL BELEAGUERED SHANGHAI

Buisness Comes To Standstill And Utter Confusion Reigns In Port

SHANGHAI, MAY 20, (PTI-REUTER): FIRST COMMUNIST SHELLS TO FALL IN BELEAGUERED SHANGHAI HIT BUILDINGS IN THE CITY EAST-END DISTRICT OF YANGTSEPOO LAST NIGHT.

RESIDENTS IN THIS DISTRICT COULD TO-DAY SEE COMMUNIST AND NATIONALIST TROOPS LOCKED IN HAND TO HAND FIGHTING IN THE POOTUNG AREA.

A small calibre shell also landed in the French concession during curfew hours, wrecking two cars, but causing no casualties.

Business was at a complete standstill and utter confusion reigned in the great commercial port, with thousands unable to reach their offices in the sealed-off business and waterfront area of the Bund.

Some wounded Nationalist troops from Pootung landed at the Bund today, and were removed in ambulances and commandered buses.

Three freighters, flying the Chinese flag, left Hong Kong last night for Communist-threatened Shanghai with about 20,000 tons of emergency rice supplies shipped by the United States Economic Cooperation Administration, says a message from Hong Kong.

The vessels were to try to sail up the Whangpoo river to replenish food stock for the 6,000,000 inhabitants.

At normal consumption rates, this would last Shanghai a fortnight. Local communication between Hong Kong and the Communist-held China port of Tientsin was reopened yesterday with the establishment of a radio link between the cities.

Commercial circles here considered this move as a great importance in developing trade between Hong Kong and the Chinese Communists.

Mail Service From U. S. To China Suspended

WASHINGTON, May 19, (UPA):— The Post Office Department today suspended all mail service from the United States to China except that bound for the South-eastern Chinese provinces of Fukien, Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

These are the provinces where the Nationalists are expected to make a last ditch stand against the Communists.

Fukien Advised To Make Peace

HONG KONG, May 19. (PTI-Reuter) Tan Kah Keo, official Head of Singapore's Chinese, to-day urged his countrymen in Fukien province, Southern China, to make peace immediately with the advancing Communists.

His "save Fukien" message issued in Hong Kong, was followed by an appeal from Hong Kong's Fukien Association to countrymen inside and outside the province to "pave the way for liberation and local peace".

Chinese settlers throughout South-East Asia came mainly from China's Southern provinces of Fukien and Kwantung, adjoining Hong Kong.

Observers here believed a peaceful taking over by Communists in Fukien might be of great importance in the struggle against communism in other South-East Asian countries.

Tan Kah Keo, now in Hong Kong on his way to Communist China, added in his message to-day.

"The liberation army has penetrated deep into the northern districts of Fukien and it will not be long before the whole province will be liberated.

"Therefore my fellow countrymen should lose no time. This is absolutely necessary if you are anxious to be citizens of the new China and to take part in the functions of the new Government".

Martial Law In Formosa

HONG KONG, May 20 (PTI-Reuter). — Formosa garrison headquarters today announced the island would be under martial law as from midnight tonight.

The ports will be closed to shipping except those of Keelung, Kaoslung and Makung.

There was no official information on possible press censorship, but it was widely reported that any newspapers or correspondents "spreading rumours" would be punished.

Compilation Of Ancient Indian History

CALCUTTA, (UPA):— The compilation of a history of ancient and mediaeval India, incorporating the history of Hindu chemistry by the late Sir P. C. Ray, has been undertaken, it is learnt, by a group of eminent Indian scientists and indologists at the request of the Indian Chemical Society.

It is understood that the cost of the undertaking will be some Rs. 52,000, towards which UNESCO has made a grant of dol. 500. The West Bengal Government has allotted Rs. 5,000 and about Rs. 7,000 has been subscribed by various chemical manufacturing firms in Calcutta.

The National Institute of Science in India is believed to have recommended that the Central Government sanction a grant of Rs. 26,000.

W. Bengal Irrigation Schemes

CALCUTTA, May 19. (A. P. I.): About 60 small irrigation schemes benefitting nearly 30,000 acres of land in different parts of West Bengal, are expected to be completed in about a month. It is estimated that the resulting increase in yield will be about 15,000 tons of agricultural produce.

Right To Leave Commonwealth To Be Limited

LONDON, May 19. (PTI-Reuter): Baron Mancroft, the 34-year-old Conservative Peer said here to-night that Britain would soon have to decide "whether the right to leave the Commonwealth should not be limited and qualified where the security of the Commonwealth might otherwise be jeopardised".

"Neither America nor Russia could accuse us of imperialism if we adopted such safeguards", he told the Overseas League.

Lord Mancroft, who visited Malaya last August, made the statement after noting that Britain has "promised eventual self-Government for certain countries of the Commonwealth, notably Malaya".

The powerful reinforcements being dispatched to Hong Kong would directly affect the Malayan situation, he declared.

"They would show that Great Britain does not intend to be argued or jockeyed out of her lawful position in the Far East".

INDIA ONE ENCOURAGING FACTOR.

The British Conservative weekly 'Spectator' wrote to-night that the rebellion in Malaya was "very far from being at an end". It suggested the outcome now depended more on events outside the peninsula than on the success of measures inside Malaya.

India's decision to join the Commonwealth was at least one encouraging outside development, the paper said. Elsewhere in the Far East "there is less evident cause for comfort".

Even if things went well in Burma, Indo-China and Indonesia it would amount to "comparatively little against the certainty that within the next year the pressure from Communist China is going to be felt with increasing strength in all the states along her southern borders".

Award For Long Age

OTTAWA, (U. P. A.): An unusual award for long age awaits Canadian senators.

If they live to be 100, their colleagues have their pictures painted in oils and hung in the smoking room.

So, far, only two have made it. Their paintings show gracefully beared men, both grasping canes.

One was Senator David Wark, native of Londonderry, Ireland, who was one of the original senators appointed in 1867. The New Brunswick senator died in 1905 approaching his 101st birthday.

The other was Senator George C. Dessaules, for 25 years mayor of St. Hyacintho, Que., who died in 1930. He was 102.

FREE ENTERPRISE IN INDIAN RELIGION

NEW YORK, May 19, (UPA): Shiv K. Shastri, Director of Information, Indian Embassy, said that what the West often views as the paralyzing differences of religion in India is in fact the "free enterprise in Indian religion."

Shastri told the English Speaking Union that the Indians' multiplicity of religion is a heritage from ancient times when the rulers set a pattern for "compromise rather than the stamping out of views which did not conform with their own." He added, "The British period in India was only a speck in the millenia of India's historic evolution. The potential of her contribution to world forces has a strength of its own and leads her inexorably to wish for and seek peace."

Shastri explained the Indian Government's views on the degree of nationalization of industry, and added: "No matter how much nationalizing occurs it will be for the needs of the individual rather than the state. And those needs will be judged by the individual through his elected representatives."

ANCESTRY OF PILLOWS

CALCUTTA, (UPA):— When you are buying a ready-made pillow or mattress in a Calcutta bazaar you don't have to worry just about quality and price. There is still its ancestry.

The writer of a 'etter to the Editor of "Amrita Bazar Patrika" declares that it is an 'open secret" that most of the bedding, bed-clothes etc. that accompany corpses to the city's burning ghats finds its way into the bazaars through the 'doms' (cremation ground attendants.

The "funniest part" about it all, the writer thinks, is that a regular trade in such articles, "probably mostly infected", has been going on "for generations under the very noses of the Calcutta Corporation and the Health Department of the Government without let or hindrance."

'Decent' people he says, hesitate to buy ready-made pillows and mattresses on the suspicion that they may have "some mysterious connection with the "doms" of the burning ghats.

LYNSKEY TRIBUNAL INQUIRY

Sydney Stanley, one of the Chief Witnesses at the Lynskey Tribunal Inquiry arrived in Tel-Aviv. He was missing since he failed to report to the London Police under the Aliens Order on April 2. The picture shows Stanley talking to press representatives in Tel-Aviv.

United Nations General Assembly Adjourns

REVIEW OF BUSINESS DONE AT THE THIRD SESSION

FLUSHING MEADOW, May 20: The U.N. General Assembly has adjourned its busy six-week meeting, here closing the last part of its third regular session.

The first part of the session was held late last year in Paris, but the world organization was burdened with so many issues it decided to split the session, resuming April 5.

Just before the 59-nation body adjourned late Wednesday, Poland sought to raise the case of the German Communist leader, Garhardt Eisler, and to challenge a ruling by Assembly President Herbert Evatt that the proposal was out of order. The challenge was voted down, however, 43-1. Eisler, who had been free on bond pending appeal of his conviction for passport fraud in the United States, is being detained in London after being apprehended aboard a Polish vessel on which he "jumped bond."

The principal actions of the assembly since April 5 include:

1. **Aproval of the new state of Israel as the 59th U.N. member;**
2. **An invitation to India, Pakistan and the Union of South Africa to hold a round-table conference to settle their dispute over Indian charges of discrimination against people of Indian origin living in South Africa;**
3. **Refusal to modify its 1946 condemnation of the Franco regime in Spain asking member nations to recall top-level diplomats from that country, after a proposal to give member states full freedom of action in their diplomatic relations with Spain failed to achieve the required two-thirds vote;**
4. **Approval of the convention on international transmission of news and the right of correction —the first international agreement in history designed to expedite the work of foreign correspondents and news agencies, to curb peacetime news censorship and discriminatory practices;**
5. **A call for restraint and self-discipline by the five permanent members of the Security Council in their exercise of the veto powers, to make the United Nations more effective ; .. ....**
6. **A resolution noting charges that Bulgaria and Hungary violated human rights in connection with the recent trials of church leaders, and calling the attention of those Governments to their obligations under the peace treaties to ensure respect for such rights;**
7. **Authorization of a study of the situation of the aboriginal population and other underdeveloped social groups of the Americas, when a member state asks such help;**
8. **A request that the Soviet Union withdrawn measures which prevent or coerce the Soviet wives of foreigners from joining their husbands abroad;**
9. **Establishment of a committee to study the Secretary General's proposal for the establishment of a U.N. guard to protect and service U.N. missions and personnel—the committee will report to the next assembly session;**
10. **Establishment of a committee of 15 nations to study ways of improving the functioning of the assembly and its permanent committees—this study will also be reported at the next session;**
11. **A resolution to advance international political co-operation by promoting conciliation and peaceful settlement of disputes, including the creation of a panel of experts which could be called on for inquiry and conciliation functions.**

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

The assembly deferred until its September session the question of disposition of the prewar colonies of Italy, after it rejected several proposed formulas earlier this week.

The question of Indonesia was also deferred, to avoid interference with the current negotiations between the Dutch and Indonesian Republicans at Batavia under U.N. auspices.

Similarly, a draft news convention on freedom of information was postponed until the fall session due to a shortage of time during the session just adjourned.

The fourth assembly session is scheduled to commence September 20 at Flushing Meadow.—USIS.

JAP WAR CRIMINALS GOT FAIR TRIAL

No Review Of Sentences

LONDON, May 19. (PTI-Reuter): An attempt to pursuade Britain to initiate a review of Japanese war trial sentences, particularly that of ex-Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu, who had been sentenced to seven years imprisonment, failed in the House of Lords to-night.

Lord Jowitt, the Lord Chancellor said he saw no reason whatever to doubt the fairness of the trials or the accuracy of their conclusions.

Lord Hankey, member of Britain's War Cabinet, had strongly urged intervention on behalf of Shigemitsu because of his "love of peace", and the "aura of goodness that surrounds the man".

Lord Jowitt said he was "staggered" to hear talk of Shigemitsu "Aura of integrity". He said that after hearing about the tortures inflicted on allied prisoners his conscience would not let him take any step to have the trials reviewed.

The Earl of Perth said that Japan's whole plan for aggression—except for Pearl Harbour—was "quite frankly" revealed to him as far back as 1932 at Geneva by Matsuoka, the Japanese delegate, who later became Foreign Minister.

(Lord Perth, as Sir Eric Drummond, was then Secretary General to the League of Nations.)

"They were to drive out completely all American and European influences from East Asia and to establish a greater east and co-prosperity sphere to be dominated by Japan. "If I remember rightly, India was to be included in this sphere".

"I said to Matsuoka, 'surely to make war on China is a verl odd way of starting co-prosperity sphere", but he replied "leave it to us, we understand the Chinese mentality completely".

RAJKOT, May 20 (A.P.I.): Three Muslims from West Pakistan, who had arrived in Saurashtra on temporary permits, were arrested here for not having returned to Pakistan on the expiry of their permits'.

All the three were later enlarged on bail.

SLAV ISLAND IN GERMANY

PRAGUE—A surviving outpost of the fifth century Eastern penetration of Western Europe is being developed by the Communists as a minority group inside the borders of Germany, according to reports reaching here.

These reports state that Czech Communists are watching with special interest while the Soviet authorities in the Eastern Zone encourage the Lusatian Serbs to maintain their language, develop their culture, and form a national entity in Saxony.

Since the passing of a special law by the Congress of Saxony in March of last year, the Lusatian Serbs are said to have been developing their own schools and using Lusatian as an official language beside German in an administration based on Bautzen, near Dresden, as their capital.

Bautzen has a Serb language theatre, a Serb language publishing house and bookshops selling books in Serb, the reports continue.

The language is more akin to Polish than to Czech; but Czechs understand it more readily than they would understand the Southern Slav Languages, such as Serbo-Croat. Bautzen is the capital of Upper Lusatia. In Brandeburg, efforts are being made to secure similar recognition for an area known as Lower Lusatia, where the language is like an old form of Czech. Germans living in the Lusatian area have to attend mixed schools and learn the Serb tongue,' according to the reports. It is claimed that some 500,000 Lusatian Serbs have special rights under the Saxony Law; but there are different estimates.

German estimates in 1938 put the total at up to 120,000. During the war, the Germans dispersed thousands of Lusatians over different parts of Germany. Leaders of the Lusatian movement for autonomy were in many cases imprisoned.

Accurate statistics are still not available. Saxony contains many descendants of Serbs now Germanised and using German as their mother tongue, and many Germans with only remote connections with Serb ancestors, nevertheless claiming special minority rights. —PTI-Reuter.

MINISTERIAL REVOLT IN FRENCH GOVT.

Spilt Over The Issue Of Budget Proposals

PARIS, May 20 (PTI-Reuter).—French Government proposals to meet an 85,000 million francs deficit in this year's budget were being outlined here today against the background of a ministerial revolt which threatens M. Henri Queuille's eight-month old administration.

The revolt has come from two Independent Conservative Ministers, M. Antoine Pinay, Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, and M. Jan Moreau, Secretary of State for Air.

After the Cabinet had approved the proposals yesterday, the two Ministers told their 35-member Parliamentary group they strongly opposed the measures.

It was understood they said they had been defeated on the question of the price of petrol. Under Finance Minister Maurice Petsche's proposals, petrol will be sold without restriction at 55 francs a litre instead of with restriction at 43 francs 20 centimes.

M. Petsche was outlining this and other proposals today to the Finance Commision of the Assembly and later to the press.

Latest lobby reports took a fairly critical view of the new crisis but M. Queuille was expected to find a compromise when the proposals come before the Assembly, probably on Tuesday.

The Premier would, it was believed, make it a matter of confidence.

BAVARIA REJECTS BONN CONSTITUTION

U. S. Newsagency's Report

MUNICH, May 20 (PTI-Reuter): The Bavarian Parliament has rejected the Bonn constitution for a West German Federal Republic, 'Dena', American licensed German news agency, reported early today.

Rejections was resolved shortly after midnight by 101 votes to 64 with nine abstentions.

Voting came at the end of a 14 hour session.

Parliament decided by 97 votes against six, with 70 abstentions, to recognise the legal validity of the constitution provided it receives the required approval of two-thirds of the 11 German states.

"Times" Suggest East-West Alliance Against Communism

LONDON, May 20. (PTI-Reuter): The "Times" said to-day that "co-operation between East and West offers the best hope both of arresting the growth of Communism in Asia and of providing political and economic security for all the Asian peoples".

"At the moment there is an opportunity to act while the situation in China is still fluid" the newspaper said.

"There is still time for the Governments of east and west to come together in common counsel and defence, and the tide is favourable. Three eastern nations, India, Pakistan, and Ceylon, have decided—India dramatically—to remain with western nations within the Commonwealth, and together they have taken a lead in planning to help the Burma Government in fighting Communism.

The "Times" continued: "A narrow combination of the 'colonial powers' —Britain, France and the Netherlands—to oppose Communism might only add point to the Communist argument that Communism is the only bulwark of Asian freedom against western 'imperialism'.

"A full share in the enterprise must be undertaken by the independent Asian nations. The partnership which has grown up inside the Commonwealth can be the core of democratic defence and material betterment in South-East Asia."

ON WITH THE DANCE

CAIRO, (PTI-Reuter): A sixteen-year-old school girl here has won a case she brought against her father on the question of dancing

The girl told the court that her father refused to pay her fees for learning music and dancing at school. The Court upheld the father's refusal to pay the dancing fee.

The girl appealed to a Higher Court which order the father to pay the fees for both singing and dancing. The Higher Court contended that dancing is a commendable form of exercise and, in addition, is an essential requisite of modern life.

TRIPOLI RETURNS TO NORMAL

TRIPOLI, May 19 (PTI-Reuter): Tripoli was normal again today after 10 days unrest over the question in the United Nations of trusteeship for Tripolitania.

Forty-five people were injured in the demonstrations, it was officially stated.

USING HIS HEAD

MAFEKING, (PTI-Reuter): An African Boy at an isolated siding in the Bechuanaland protectorate went to sleep with his head on the line—to make sure the train stopped to pick up a package.

He told the shaken engine driver who pulled up in time that the train often passed without stopping to pick up his package. He thought lying on the track would be a good way of making sure it did stop.

The engine driver wanted to hand the African over to the police and charge him with trespassing on railway property but the nearest police man was 40 miles away.

The only thing to do was to caution the boy, pick up the package and drive on.

HER 100TH BIRTHDAY

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE, (PTI-Reuter):— Townsfolk gave a party here to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Ellen Walker.

Mrs. Walker enjoyed it. But she still insists that the 100th birthday party gave her four years ago was the right one.

Until the other week the figures 1845 written boldly across her birth certificate had been accepted as the year she was born. But officials who came across the document recently examined it more closely and discovered that 1845 was only the office serial number. Actual date of birth was 1849.

Mrs. Walker has so many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren that she says she has never been able to count them.

Enemy At The Walls

CONWAY, WALES, (PTI-Reuter): After 700 years, an enemy has penetrated the walls of Conway and its castle—finest example in Europe of the medieval fortification engineer's art.

Time is the foe which has succeeded where hordes of invaders failed. Ministry of Works experts say immediate action must be taken to prevent the disintegration of the walls and castle.

They estimate that treatment of the castle will occupy 12 men for the next 18 to 20 years. Preservation of the tow walls will take about 15 years.

Valuable architectural details have already been lost through neglect, and the walls might fall at any time, the experts reported.

Mission Of Promoting Peace

NEW YORK, May 19, (UPA): Australian Deputy Prime Minister and United Nations General Assembly President Dr. Herbert Evatt left for London by Pan-American clipper today after a 50-minute delay because the plane was re-routed through the Azores due to weather.

Evatt, who was accompanied by his wife and two secretaries, told reporters: "The General Assembly has successfully completed a very fruitful session. In my judgment, speaking with a full sense of responsibility and a full knowledge of facts, the United Nations will accomplish its mission of promoting peace and justice for all the peoples of the world."

He said he was going to London on legal business and was uncertain about his movements thereafter.

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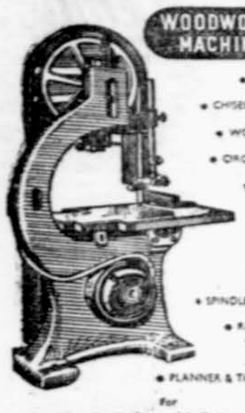

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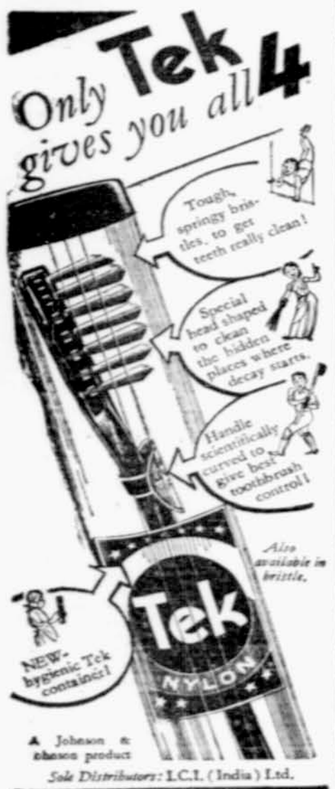
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PLEA FOR HEALTHY OPPOSITION IN PARLIAMENT

One-Party Rule Criticised

JOINT SITTINGS OF UPPER AND LOWER HOUSES

Saxena Fears Former Might "Stultify" Work Of Latter

NEW DELHI, May 20 (A.P.I.).

PROGRESS in the work of the Constituent Assembly today was slow, only five articles being adopted, compared to 15 yesterday. Discussion on Article 86, dealing with salaries of members took two hours of the Assembly's time.

Mr. Z. H. Lari (U.P.) moved an amendment to the Article in which he wanted that the Leader of the Opposition should be paid the salary of a Minister without Cabinet rank and that members of Parliament should also receive a salary. The amendment was rejected by the House.

Mr. Lari's argument was that payment of a salary to the Opposition Leader was necessary to build up a healthy Opposition without which democracy could not function.

FOR FUTURE PARLIAMENTS

Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari, opposing the amendment, said it was improper to incorporate the provision envisaged by Mr. Lari in the Constitution and asked whether he wanted part of the Central Budget to be set apart for building up an Opposition. M. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, also opposing the amendment, said that when a healthy Opposition Party was organised, future parliaments could fix up a salary for its leaders.

Another Article which provoked discussion was No. 88 regarding joint sitting of the Lower and Upper Houses though a majority of the 18 amendments given notice of on this Article were either withdrawn or not moved. Prof. Shibbanlal Saxena, who was not allowed to move an amendment because proper notice had not been given, wanted the Article to be deleted as he was opposed to the principle of joint sitting. He said that the Council of State should not be placed in a position which would enable it to stultify the work of the Lower House.

Consideration of Article 90 on the definition of a money bill was deferred on a request from the Law Minister, Dr. Ambedkar.

Proceedings In Detail

Today's proceedings in the Constituent Assembly of India began with a debate on members' salaries and allowances.

The occasion was consideration of Article 86 which says that members of Parliament shall be entitled to such salaries and allowances as may be determined by Parliament from time to time, and until provision is so made, the allowances shall be the same as those applicable to members of the legislature of the Dominion of India.

Mr. K. Santhanam moved an amendment seeking to substitute the words "Constituent Assembly" for "Legislature of the Dominion". Mr. Santhanam said that there was no body existing to-day which could be called the legislature of the Dominion of India. The Constituent Assembly functioned as a legislature of the dominion of India for certain purposes, but the only body that existed to-day was the Constituent Assembly.

Certainly the new members of the Parliament of India would prefer to derive their succession from the Constituent Assembly rather than from the non-existing legislature of the Dominion of India.

Mr. Z. H. Lari (U.P.) moved an amendment seeking to provide the leader of the opposition with a salary equal to that of a minister without cabinet rank. He also wanted that the salary payable to members of Parliament should not be less than one-fourth or more than one-third payable to a cabinet minister.

EVILS OF ONE-PARTY RULE.

Mr. Lari said that his amendment would give statutory recognition to the institution of Parliament opposition, which unfortunately had come to be regarded in certain circles as being tantamount to a seditious body.

The rule of one-party Government in this country for the last ten years without an effective opposition had resulted in provincial ministers resenting criticism. The public had lost all interest in parliamentary proceedings, but the existence of an opposition would revive that interest.

The only check to party Government degenerating into despotism was the existence of another party in power. Such an opposition could not be organised unless its leader was able to devote his whole time to his task. Hence he had suggested that he should be paid a regular salary, as was done in England.

As regards his suggestion that members' salaries should range between one-fourth and one-third of a minister's salary, Mr. Lari said that in this country of multi-millionaires on the one hand and poverty-stricken masses on the other, he did not want a wide disparity between the salaries of ministers and members as that would create in members an "inferiority complex".

Moreover, if the members' salaries were related to those of ministers, there would be a greater check on ministers' salaries.

NOT PROPER.

Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari, opposing Mr. Lari's amendment, said that there was nothing which prevented future parliaments from fixing a salary for the leader of the opposition. It was not proper to lay down such a provision in the constitution.

He did not see how mere incorporation of a provision of the kind envisaged by Mr. Lari would create an effective opposition. What had prevented any opposition party from coming into being now? The arguments advanced by Mr. Lari were beside the point. For a long time, ever since the 1935 act was put into operation in the provinces, there had been the cry from vested interests and from people who had no chance of getting into office that there was no opposition "I would like members here who are dissatisfied with the influence of the Congress Party to tell us exactly what they want", Mr. Krishnamachari said. "Do they want that a part of the central budget must be set apart for the creation of an opposition?"

Mr. Krishnamachari went on, "supposing you agree to pay the leader of the opposition the same salary and allowances as the Prime Minister of India, will he be able to create a party? The very eloquent arguments put forward by Mr. Lari are likely to mislead the house into believing that something not existing at the present moment will be brought into existence by accepting his amendment".

Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, supporting Mr. Krishnamachari, said that in no constitution in the world was there provision like the one Mr. Lari wanted.

When a healthy opposition party was organised, the future parliament would have every power to fix a salary for its leader, Mr. Ayyangar said. But to "dangle a temptation" in the path of members might lead to a scandal. Four or five members might well join together and form an opposition for the sake of receiving the salary of the leader of the opposition and they might distribute that amount among themselves (laughter).

Mr. Tajamul Hussain (Bihar) agreed with Mr. Krishnamachari and Mr. Ayyangar that it should be left to the future parliament to fix the salary of the leader of the opposition and that it was not proper to make provision for it in the constitution itself.

TOO MUCH

Mr. Biswanath Das (Orissa) said that even the present daily allowance of members of parliament, namely Rs. 45/-, was too much and he would ask whether the scale proposed by Mr. Lari which would amount to between Rs. 750/- and Rs. 1,000/- a month on the basis of the present salaries of ministers, was fair to the country. Mr. Lari's amendment was "unnecessary, unfortunate and undesirable".

Kazi Syed Karimuddin (C.P.) said that in this country opposition was not tolerated, but was neglected and generally punished. It was quite necessary that the constitution should create a statutory opposition. No democracy could function effectively and efficiently without an opposition.

"India is a new-born democracy", added Mr. Karimuddin, "but in the centre and in the provinces opposition is not tolerated and is treated with scant courtesy. In the provinces, because of the Public Safety Act, those who are in opposition are threatened and the opposition party is dwindling. If a Muslim criticises the Government, he is told that he is a believer in the two-nation theory and has not given up his theory and therefore he is an enemy of the state. If a Socialist criticises the Government he is also considered an enemy of the State. If a Communist does so he is of course, considered a danger to the state".

WANTED HEALTHY OPPOSITION

Urging the need for a healthy opposition in the Country, he suggested that there should be a statutory provision in the constitution for the creation and maintenance of an opposition.

Mr. Nazirudin Ahmed supporting Mr. Lari's amendment said that it had raised a very important constitutional principle, namely, the statutory recognition of the opposition. The question of pay and other things was a subsidiary one. At the present time opposition was resented and was treated with indifference. The huge party in power was impatient at every criticism, and if arguments were advanced, it was held that the so-called prestige of the Government was at stake.

There was a feeling in the country that the party in power was all-powerful. If the country was to be saved from the communist menace, the Government should see that a healthy opposition was created.

It was the patriotic duty of every member of the house that the opposition should grow. Every time a Muslim criticised the Government, the communal bogey was raised. Muslims of India had shown no communal tendency now and they had wholeheartedly supported the Government in all its constructive activities. The communal argument should be brushed aside and buried for all times he said.

IRRELEVANT ISSUES

Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh (C.P.) said that irrelevant issues had been brought by both sides. The creation of an Opposition, the fixing up of a salary for the Opposition Leader and the like were not strictly relevant to the Article.

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa said that though he believed in the need of a healthy Opposition, he was opposed to the idea of creating an Opposition for the sake of opposition. He was also opposed to the principles of payment to the Opposition Leader.

Babu Ramanarayan Singh (Bihar) said that though he was opposed to Mr. Lari's amendment he would urge the House to consider the principle underlying the amendment. He said that the party system itself struck at the root of democracy, but without an Opposition it was worse. The Government must have an Opposition to criticise and review its action.

A good Government should create and encourage Opposition and must be ready to retire. The Government which did not like Opposition and was anxious to remain in power was, he said, an "unpatriotic and traitor Government". He appealed to the House to consider the principle of having an Opposition.

The House rejected Mr. Lari's amendment and adopted the Article.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE

The House then took consideration of the articles relating to legislative procedure. Article 87 regarding provisions as to introduction and passing of bills was debated and adopted by the House. Prof. K. T. Shah moved an amendment suggesting that the House of Parliament should be entitled to receive petitions on representations from the people of India or from the people of any unit.

Mr. Brajeshwar Prasad (Bihar) said that he was opposed to the Federal form of Government. He said when they accepted Federal system of constitution, it was only to counter the Two-Nation theory and persuade the Princes. Now the position had changed with the country divided and with States and Princes liquidated. He was opposed to a Second Chamber, and therefore was against the Article.

The House rejected Prof. Shah's amendment and adopted the Article.

JOINT SITTING

Though a large number of amendments had been given notice of to Article No. 88 which laid down provisions for joint sitting of the two houses of Parliament, many of them were either not moved or withdrawn as they were of a verbal nature. The House, however, accepted two amendments moved by Dr. Ambedkar making drafting changes in two subsections of the Article.

The Article provides for a joint sitting of both Houses when a Bill is rejected by one of them, or when they disagree on amendments to a Bill or when six months pass after the date of the rejection by one House of a Bill passed by the other.

While the Article was being discussed, Prof. Shibbanlal Saxena wanted to move an amendment to the amendments on the Article but the President disallowed Prof. Saxena's amendment on the ground that proper notice had not been given. Prof. Saxena was, however, allowed to speak on the Article which he wanted to be deleted entirely.

SHIBBANLAL OPPOSES

Prof. Shah said that he was opposed to joint sittings of both houses because he did not want the Upper House to enjoy anthority out of all proportion to its importance. The British Parliament had been taken as the model for the Indian Parliament and in Britain the authority of the House of Lords was very much restricted. The Upper House should not enjoy the same status as the Lofer House because its character was "reactionary". The Council of States should not be given a position which would enable it to stultify the work done by the Lower House. Joint sittings would curb the progress and power of the Lower House.

Mr. C.C. Shah (Saurashtra) wanted that the Article should be left alone. The reference to the British House of Lords, he said, was inappropriate because its membership was hereditary and its character very Conservative. Whereas the Indian Upper House would represent various units. Its existence was necessary because the Indian Constitution was a Federal one, and not a Unitary one, like the British constitution.

Mr. S. Nagappa (Madras) said that the Upper House would restrain legislation passed by the Lower House. He, however, added that instead of a joint sitting it would have been better if a time limit had been fixed for bills passed by the Lower House to become law.

FEAR JUSTIFIED

Dr. Ambedkar said that he saw some justification in the fear of members regarding joint sittings, namely, that the Upper House would restrict the freedom of the Lower House. But a provision for joint sittings existed in various constitutions. If the fear of members came true, then the Article could be amended later by the procedure provided for the amendment of the Constitution.

MONEY BILLS

Article 89 relating to special procedure on money bills was then adopted.

The Article says that no money bill shall be introduced in the Upper House and that when a money bill passed by the House of the People is sent to the Council of States for recommendations it should be returned within a specific period of time.

The Article in the Draft Constitution had provided a period of 30 days for consideration of money bills by the Upper House, but an amendment moved by Mr. T. Krishnamachari that this period should be restricted to 14 days was accepted.

Mr. Krishnamachari said in support of his amendment that the period of 30 days was too long and that a fortnight would serve the purpose.

Dr. Ambedkar, supporting Mr. Krishnamachari's argument, said that though the Upper House should have some voice in financial matters, money bills like the Budget were urgent matters which could not be delayed.

The House after discussing Article 90 which defined money bills, deferred further consideration on a request by Dr. Ambedkar.

TWO AMENDMENTS

Prof. K. T. Shah moved an amendment that the words "duty, charge, rate, levy or any other form of revenue, income, or receipt by Government or of expenditure by Government" be added to Sub-Section (A) of the Article which said that "imposition, abolition, remission, alteration or regulation of any tax" was included in the scope of a money bill. He wanted all items of Government expenditure to be particularised so that no scope should be left for legal ingenuity to be exercised for misinterpretation of the Clause.

Mr. H. V. Kamath moved an amendment to Clause (E). According to Clause (E), the function of a money bill includes the declaring of any expenditure to be expenditure charged on the revenues of India or the increasing of the amount of any such expenditure. Mr. Kamath wanted the word "varying" to be substituted for "increasing" and the addition of the words "or abolishing". Mr. Kamath's argument was that the Sub-Clause visualised only one possibility, namely, increase in expenditure, but did not take into account decrease or abolition of expenditure. The purpose of the amendment was to make the Clause more comprehensive, he said.

PRESIDENT'S ASSENT

Article 91 relating to the powers of the President to give assent to bills was adopted with two amendments by Dr. Ambedkar.

The Article lays down that when a Bill is presented to the President he may either give or withhold assent to it. A proviso to the Article says that the President may send the Bill, provided it is not a money bill, back to the Houses of Parliament with amendments for reconsideration, within six weeks after the Bill has been presented to him.

The first amendment by Dr. Ambedkar submitted the words as soon as possible" for the words "six weeks'. The second amendment added a proviso that "if the Bill is passed again by the Houses with or without amendment as presented to the President for assent, the President shall not withhold assent therefrom."

Begum Aizaz Rasool (U.P.) moved an amendment which was similar to Dr. Ambedkar's second amendment. The amendment was not voted upon, as the President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad remarked that it was in substance the same as Dr. Ambedkar's amendment. Begum Rasool said that her object in moving the amendment was to ensure that the President could return a Bill to Parliament only once. The provision was necessary to prevent unnecessary delay.

NO DISSOLUTION

The House rejected an amendment by Mr. Talmul Hussain (Bihar) which said that if the President did not assent to a Bill sent by the House of the people, it should automatically dissolve itself. If the Party in Power at the time of the dissolution was re-elected, the President shoud vacate office and the Bill would become an Act.

Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh referring to Dr. Ambedkar's amendment for changing "six weeks" to "as soon as possible" said that the words as they stood in the original Article were all right. In the event of the President withholding assent, the words "as soon as possible" would have no meaning and it was necessary to fix a time limit.

Mr. Kamath said that human nature was such that unless there was a compelling sense of duty, there was a tendency to procrastinate. The phrase "as soon as possible" was "vague, purposeless and meaningless". After adopting Article 91, the House adjourned till 5 p.m. on Monday.

KARACHI, May 19 (PTI-Reuter): A conference of representatives of Central and Provincial Governments of Pakistan will be held on June 3 at Karachi to consider the development of the wool industry in Pakistan, representatives of Khairpur and Bhawalpur states will also attend the conference.

Mr. Abduz Sattar Pirzada, Minister for Food and Agriculture, Pakistan will preside over the Conference.

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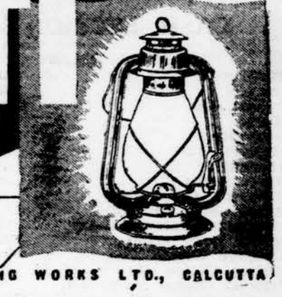
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DOWNWARD TREND ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Rs. 10 Fall In Central Indias

BOMBAY, Friday:

Downward trend in prices was again noticed on the local Stock Exchange today. The tone was nervous and weakness ruled all the sections. The market lacked incentive

After yesterday's spurt, the Steel section quietened down once again. There was moderate support in Tata Steel Deferreds, but not sufficient to absorb the liquidation at higher levels. The scrip opened six points lower than the previous closing level at Rs. 1345 and further declined to Rs. 1327 owing to lack of support. Five more points were gained due to short covering at this level; but thereafter the share again lost ground being unable to withstand the bear onslaught, and later steadied around Rs. 1325.

Tata Ordinaries opened at Rs. 272-8 and after a gradual decline in keeping pace with Deferreds were quoted at Rs. 270.

Textiles were dull and inactive, business being mostly of a jobbing nature. Bombay Dyeing lost Rs. 7 after opening and around Rs. 982 and was later quiet at that level. Kohinoor, Swadeshi and Nagpur were steady at Rs. 272-8, Rs. 286 and Rs. 233 respectively, each after opening a shade higher.

Banks and Insurance were almost unchanged. Centrals were quoted between Rs. 80-12 and Rs. 81-4. There was moderate inquiry in Imperial Okis which changed hands upto Rs. 1770 after opening at Rs. 1762. New India was dull at Rs. 55.

Among the Miscellaneous Bellapur further lost Rs. 6 after opening at Rs 181. Scindia climbed down by three annas to Rs. 13-7 and Construction was quiet at Rs. 85.

The Security market was hardly active and 3 per cent Conversion Loan was placed at Rs. 98-7-6.

Later Tata Deferred became erratic and had some violent fluctuations between Rs. 1329 and Rs. 1342-8, ultimately closing at Rs. 1323-12.

There was a sharp fall of Rs. 10 in the Central Indias, which after touching Rs. 222 closed at Rs. 225.

The market closed barely steady.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES		
Bombay Dyeing (19-8)	977	8
Kohinoor Mills (4-2)	272	0
Swadeshi Mills (1-4)	285	0
Central India Mills (4)	225	0
Simplex Mill (3)	171	0
New Great Eastern (8)	141	0
Indore (9 plus 3)	145	0
Gokak Mills (12) XD	258	8
Century Spinning (15)	250	0
Colaba (12)	127	0
India Bleaching (6)	148	0
Swan Mills (20)	0	0
Finlay Mills (15) XD	265	0
Morarji Gokuldas	425	0
Edward Sassoon (30)	195	0
Meyer (12)	111	13
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2	12
India United Ord. (0-13-0)	1	13
India United Defd. (0-2-6)	1	10
Madhusudan Mill (15)	180	0
Podar (8)	141	4
Khatau Makanji (5)	198	12
STEEL SHARES		
Tata Steel Ord. (4)	270	0
Tata Steel Defd. (64-15)	1323	12
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	141	8
CEMENT		
Associated Cement (6)	135	0
INDUSTRIES		
Burma	286	4
Belapur Sugar (9)	174	8
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	20	0
Scindia Steam (0-3)	13	5
Premier Construction	84	12
Tata Chemical	8	15
Tata Oil (2)	57	0
India Iron (0-12)	22	6
Bengal Steel (0-8-0)	18	4
British India Corp. (0-9)	7	15
I. Copper	2	0
Wimco	161	4
Alcock	241	4
ELECTRIC SHARES		
Tata Power (25)	1465	0
Andhra Valley (30)	1402	8
Tata Hyd.o (3)	150	0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS		
Elphinstone Mills (5)	60	0
Phoenix	197	8
Indian Mfg.	4150	0
Kuria	107	8
New City	180	0
Minerva (12)	113	12
Bradbury	392	8
Bharat Mills (2)	56	0
Bharucha Defd. (0-4)	4	13
Mysore Spg. Mills (8)	172	8
Madhavji Dharamsi (0-12)	14	8
Model Mills (12-8)	185	0
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	626	4
Vishnu Cotton (8)	210	0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	9	4
Western India (40)	4070	0
Standard (15)	225	0
Sholapur Mills (200)	3300	0
Hindustan Mills (40)	4000	0
Tata Mills (2-4)	52	0
Ahmedabad Advance Old (9)	270	0
Ahmedabad Advance New	195	0
Sassoon Silk (3)	29	8
New Union Mills (0-8)	9	0
Madhusudan B (2-8)	35	0
Srinivas Mills (8)	153	12
Raja Bahadur Poona (4)	78	12
Berar Mills	281	4
Victoria Mills	225	0
New Great New	156	0
ELECTRICS (CASH)		
Ahmedabad Electric (4-8)	121	14
Ahmedabad New	46	4
Surat Electric (2-8)	145	0
Karachi Electric (2)	131	4
Broach (0-5)	....	
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10	6
Amalgamated (0-12)	12	8
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	26	8
Poona Electric Supply (8)	146	4
Bombay Suburban (3) XR	125	0
BANK SHARES		
Imperial Bank of India (35)	1770	0
Imperial Bank of India P P (8-12)	432	8
Central Bank	81	0
Central Bank New (1-8)	80	8
Bank of Baroda (2-8) XD	132	0
Union (0)	7	1 6
Bank of India (4)	181	0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	45	0
United Commercial (8)	51	8
Jaipur Bank (1-6)	55	8
Hindustan Commercial	26	12
Mysore Bank (8)	365	0
Eastern Bank (0-14-6)	105	0
INSURANCE		
Oriental (125)	5100	0
Empire (10)	625	0
New India (1)	55	12
Jupiter (1-4)	14	4
Vulcan (0-10)	11	6
Indian Mercantile 2)	32	8
Universal (0-4)	11	4
B. I. G. (1)	19	12
Industrial and Prudential	29	8
Neptune	7	0
New Great	25	0
All India General	15	10
RAILWAY SHARES		
G.P. (1-14)	111	4
Pachora Jamner Rly. (2-8)	120	4
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES		
Steamer (10)	255	0
Bombay Burma New (5)	103	12
Burma Petrol	1	6 3
Mackenzie (6)	65	0
Port Canning (3)	69	4
Kemp and Co. (30)	405	0
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	150	0
Industrial Invest Trust (3-12) XD	91	8
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	38	0
Mukund Iron	10	0
Dena Trust (0-12)	16	8
Alembic (15)	191	4
Supreme India X.R.		
Jam Wire (6)	67	4
Bombay Uganda	60	8
Bombay Motor Cycle	30	0
Indian Cement (1937)	20	0
Walchand Nagar Industries (E. S.)	130	0
Associated Cement New (3)	132	0
United Motor	32	0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	880	0
Hydary Construction	19	10
Mahmadi Steam	96	0
Gujarat Motor	20	0
Sardar Carbolic X.D.	700	0
Harvey Press	310	0
Estrela Batteries	51	0
Manmad Press	120	0
PREFERENCE SHARES		
Tata Steel 1st (5)	191	4
Andhra Valley (7)	1212	8
Tata Power (7-8)	1280	0
Hydro Electric (7)	125	0
Bombay Steamer (6)	308	4
Central India (5)	628	0
Swadeshi Mills	126	4
Vishnu Mills (7)	640	0
Lakshmi Mills	275	0
New Great Mills (5-8)	227	8
Podar Mills (4)	105	0
Shrinivas Mills	98	0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	112	8
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	310	0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	145	0

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, Friday:

There was no business on the forward section of the local cotton market to-day.

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Friday.

Linseed was again weak today following the rumours that owing to inadequate transport facilities a substantial portion of that ordered commodity could not be brought to Bombay. April-May delivery went as low as Rs. 29-8. Castorseeds were also weak whereas groundnuts were fairly steady.

Following were the closing quotations:

GROUNDNUTS—			
Khandesh quality	37	14	0
Coromandal	37	6	0
Bold Ready	37	8	0
Bold April-May	37	4	0
Bold June-July	37	6	0
CASTORSEEDS—			
Ready	26	0	0
LINSEED—			
Ready	31	2	0
April-May	30	4	0
June-July	30	1	0
GROUNDNUT OILS—			
Local mills	20	12	0
Ready receipts	20	4	0
July	20	7	0
Linseed oil	20	5	0
Castorseed oil first pressing quality	17	8	0
Castorseed of commercial quality	18	8	0

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, May 20.

2 1/2 per cent 1954	98	8	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100	5	0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99	10	0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	96	8	0
2 3/4 per cent 1960	99	8	0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99	3	0
2 3/4 per cent 1976	96	10	0
3 per cent non-terminable	98	8	0
3 per cent 1986 Con.	98	7	6
3 per cent 1949-52	100	4	0
3 per cent 1951-54	101	5	0
3 per cent 1953-55	101	9	0
3 per cent 1959-61	101	1	0
3 per cent 1959-61	100	13	0
3 per cent 1963-65	100	5	0
3 per cent 1966-68	100	1	0
3 per cent 1970-75	100	0	0
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104	10	0
4 per cent 1960-70	110	6	0
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	103	0	0
4 1/2 per cent 1955-60	111	8	0
4 1/2 per cent 1953-58	104	14	0
PROVINCIAL LOANS			
2 3/4 per cent U.P. 1961	97	6	0
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	97	2	0
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100	12	0
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100	10	0
3 per cent Punjab 1949	99	12	0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100	4	0
3 per cent U.P. 1952	100	4	0
3 per cent C.P. 1952	100	4	0
3 per cent N.W.F. 1952	98	0	0
3 per cent U. P. 1961-66	99	14	0
4 per cent B.P.T.	110	12	0
4 per cent B. Municipality	110	8	0
5 per cent B. Municipality 1959	114	0	0
6 per cent B Municipal 1954	115	0	0
3 per cent B. Municipal 1950-60	107	0	0

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, Friday:

The Bullion market ruled quietly steady today.

Forward Silver declined to Rs. 183-12 after opening eight annas higher. Later it was quiet, due to further incentive. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 184-4.

Forward Gold opened at Rs. 117, and in the absence of any demand came to be quoted at Rs. 116-8. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 117.

Sovereigns found buyers upto Rs. 75.

Forward silver further declined to Rs. 183-4 under moderate selling pressure. Thereafter the price gradually looked up with renewed bull support to touch Rs. 184-12 level.

Forward gold also declined to Rs. 116, but later recovered. The market closed quietly steady. Following were the closing quotations.

Forward Gold	Rs. 116 10
Ready Gold	Rs. 117 2
Forward silver	Rs. 184 4
Ready silver	Rs. 184 9
Sovereign	Rs. 75 8

ART SILK YARN

Sharp Decline In Prices

BOMBAY, Friday.

The inclusion of Art Silk in the list of imports in the new open general liscence had its repercussions on the local Art Silk Yarn Market, which opened weak today, and continued to be weak throughout the session.

There was a sharp fall in prices. Following were the closing quotations:

Per case of 200 lbs.

	Rs.	as.	p.
150 D. May	700	0	0
150 D. June	715	0	0
120 D. Spot Japan	3	6	0
150 D. Spot Japan	3	8	6
120 Italy	3	4	0
150 Italy	3	8	0

SUGAR MARKET

BOMBAY, May 20.

The Bombay sugar market was steady today. Following were the closing spot prices per bag excluding sales-tax.

Standard quality	Rs. 88 4
Medium quality	Rs. 91 12
Bold Grain	Rs. 102 0
May Delivery	Rs. 31 15
January 1950	Rs. 27 14

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

BOMBAY, May 20.

Quotations at 2-00 p.m.:—

Tata Ordinary 270; Tata Deferred 1322-8; Indian Iron 22/8; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 18/4; Bombay Dyeing 975; Central India 225; Gokak 262-8; Kohinoor 272/8; Simplex 172/8; Swadeshi 285; Tata Power 1465; Associated Cement 136/14; Belapur 174; Bombay Burma (Old) 287/8; Scindia 13/8; Central Bank 80/8; New India 55; Tata 2nd Pref. 141.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

Apolla 2/12/6 2/12
Bharucha Defd. 4
B. Dyeing 982/8 75 81/4 76/4 77/8
Bradbury Ord. 392/8
C. India 234 22/8 25
Century 248/12 50
Colaba 127
E. Textiles 195
Gokak 262 62/8 57/8 58/8
I. U. Defd. 1/10/3 1/10/6 1/10
I. U. Ord. 10/14 10/13
Indore 143/2 45
Kohinoor 273/8 72/4 73 71 72
Laxmi 625

Premier Construction 1st (16-4)	104	0
Premier Construction 2nd (6-4)	102	4
Amalgamated (5-8)	115	0
Habib	72	0
Tata Chemical (5)	116	4
Walchand Nagar Indus (7)	130	0
Jupiter General	19	14
Meyer	**121**	**4**
Mackenzie 1st	85	0
Mackenzie 2nd	80	0
Ahmedabad Advance	132	8
Mysore Mills	50	0
Standard Mills	101	0
Madhusudan Mills	12	0
Khatau Mills	101	4
Morarji	106	0
DEBENTURES		
Andhra 1952 (4)	103	8
Bombay Steamer (1959) (4-8)	101	10
Indian Hume Pipe (6)	101	0
Walchand Nagar (6)	105	0
Tata Power 1951	103	0
OUTSIDE SHARES		
Burma Corporation	2	12
New Victoria Mill	2	2
New Victoria Mills (Pref.)	4	10
Phalton Sugar (8) X.D.	105	0
Gold Mohur (20)	312	8
New Kaiser-Hind	360	0
Sajjan Mills (20)	160	0
Osmanshahi Mills (10)	260	0
Azam Jahi Mills (10)	270	0
Air Service	5	10
Air India	83	8
Hind Motor	3 14	6
India Steam	6	10
Meyer 111/14		
Morarji 425		
New Great 142 41 42/8 41		
Simplex 172/8 70 71		
Swadesi 287/8 88 82 85		
Vishnu 210		
Scindia 13/10 13/7 13/9 13/6 13/9		
BANKS		
Baroda 132/8 32		
Central 81/4 80/8 81		
Central New 80/8		
Imperial Old 1/62/8 70 65 70		
Imperial New 482/8		
India 180 81		
ELECTRIC		
Ahmedabad 121/4 21/14		
Andhra Valley 1402/8		
Hydro 150		
INSURANCE		
Jupitar 14/4		
B. I. G. 19		
New India 55 56 55/12		
Vulcan 11/6		
STEEL		
B. Steel 18/8 18/4		
I. Iron 22/11 22/7 22/8 22/6		
Tata Defd. 1345 27/8 32/8 27/8 42/8 15 23/12		
Tata Ord. 272/8 70/8 71/8 69 70		
Tata 2nd Pref 141 41/8		
MISCELLANEOUS		
Alcock 240 41/4		
A.C.C. Old 137 36 36/8 34/8 35		
A.C.C. New 132		
Belapur 181 75/8 77 73/8 74/8		
B. B. Old 288/2 87/8 88/12 86/4		
B. B. New 103/12		
B. B. Petrol 1/6/3		
B. I. C. 8 7/15/6		
I. Bleaching 147 48		
I. Copper 2/0/6		
I. I. Trust 91/8		
P. Const. 86/12 85/8 86 85 86/4 84/12		
P. Const. 2nd Pref 101/8 2/4		
Shivrajpur 21 20		
Tata Chem. 9 8/15		
Tata Pref. 115/10		
Wimco 158/12 61/4		
SPECIAL		
Ahmedabad Elec. New 46 46/4		
Khatau Pref. 101/4		

SCHEDULED BANK'S POSITION

Reserve Bank's Statement

Following is a statement issued by the Reserve Bank of India, indicating the position of the scheduled Banks, as on May 13 last.

	Rs.
Demand Liabilities in India	
(i) Borrowings from banks	33,58,38,000
(ii) Other demand liabilities	572,53,21,000
Time Liabilities in India	
(i) Borrowings from banks	14,00,000
(ii) Other time liabilities	281,95,17,000
Cash in India	
(i) Currency notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes	34,18,12,000
(ii) Rupee Coin	1,89,24,000
(iii) Subsidiary Coin	67,30,000
Balances with Reserve Bank	54,25,55,000
Advances in India	488,93,80,000
Bills discounted in India	17,12,98,000

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, May 19.

	£
Consols 2-1/2 p.c.	81-9/16
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p.c. 1961	106-5/16
Funding Loan 4 p.c. 1960/90	113-7/16
War Loan 3-1/2 p.c. 1952 and after	102-7/8
Chartered Bank of I. A. and China	10-15/16
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	88-1/2
National Bank of India	38-3/4

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 5,964.

London exchanges unchanged.

NEW YORK SILVER.

NEW YORK, May 19.

U. S. price of Foreign Silver 71-1/2 cents.

CHICAGO WHEAT.

CHICAGO, May 19.

May 2.21-1/4
July 1.96-3/4.
September 1.96-5/8
December 1.97-3/4.

LONDON BULLION.

London, May 19.

London Silver Spot and Forward 43-1/2d. London Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8-12-3.

LONDON WHEAT.

London, May 19.

Australian Wheat 89/7-1/2 May-June.

SPECULATIVE APATHY IN NEW YORK COTTON

Stocks Lose Ground On Berlin Incident

NEW YORK, May 19.

Renewed hedging in July against continued substantial sales of spot cotton in the principal markets supplied the only incident of a colourless market early today. The fact that such selling had a only slight effect on this position was partly due to modest trade support and covering against export business. The market could make little progress however, and prices moved narrowly throughout with most traders apparently content to await fresh developments in export and new crop matters. Continued discouraging conditions in the cotton textile markets remained another restrictive influence.

The far distant months were neglected. Another tameless session was witnessed during the afternoon when speculative apathy was again marked. Bearish views on domestic raw cotton consumption received further attention in view of reports in some sections that further mill curtailment was possible. One Georgia mill will cut production by 90 percent during the weekend blaming high costs of cotton and reduced orders for this mill.

While such news naturally restrained enthusiasm there was still some selling pressure and the trend was mildly erratic owing to covering in near July and occasional liquidation and hedges in the balance of the list Trading throughout was featureless with the waiting attitude still marked.

The session closed steady but at mixed changes. Sales are estimated at only 80,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON CLOSINGS.

New York, May 19.

July	32.50
October	29.09
December	28.87
March	28.76
Middling Spot	33.65

NEW ORJEANS COTTON CLOSINGS

New York, May 19.

July	32.40
October	29.01
December	28.77
March	28.66
Middling Spot	32.75

The volume of business on the New York Stock Exchange was 840,000 shares.

The highest and lowest U. S. Steel trading prices were 70-3/8 and 69-7/8 respectively.

STOCKS

Prices on Stock Exchange lost further mild ground this morning with traders continuing to note evidences of soft spots in the national economy and awaiting further developments in the latest Berlin incident. Irregularly lower tendencies mainly limited to fractions developed in limited dealings with assorted coppers, utilities, steels, chemicals, farm-implements, rubbers and papers among the issues registering declines. The averages were industrials 174.74 and rails 47.96.

Earlier steady rails averaged mildly lower during the afternoon but elsewhere few important changes resulted with dealings slow and numerous operators examining the labour picture. Many rails proved responsive to some increase in liquidation following reports that freight loadings last week although little changed from the previous period were nearly nine percent under the same 1948 week.

Attracting attention was the Congress of Industrial Organisation Executive Board recommendation to union members that "immediate wage increases" were needed to guarantee increased purchasing power and a high consumption level economy. Some increase in pressure late dealings notably against coppers, papers, chemicals, and rails brought well distributed declines ranging to one point or more. The session closed heavy.

American Telephone and Telegraph	141-1/8
Amerex Holding Co.	28-1/4
Anaconda Copper Mining	28-1/4
Chase National Bank	33-3/8
Sinclair Oil	21-1/8
Firestone Tyre and Rubber Co.	48-1/4
General Electric Co.	37-1/4
General Motors	57-1/4
Ingersol Rand	61
International Nickel Ex. Div.	28-1/8
National City Bank of New York	39-1/4
New York Central Rail Road Co.	11-3/4
Socony Vacuum Corporation	15-7/8
Texas Corporation	54-1/4
Union Carbide	38-3/8
U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co. Bid	43-1/2
U. S. Steel Corporation (Common)	70
Western Union Telegraph	15-1/4

CHICAGO GRAINS

New crop wheat deliveries held steady on trade advices of additional to rather heavy general rain all over the south-west which will further hamper early harvesting operations Spot May howevef, declined under additional liquidation prompted by reports that some 550,000 bushels of wheat arrived locally from Duluth with more en route, presumably for delivery on May contract.—(PTI-Reuter).

Shipping News

IMPORTS

BOMBAY, May 20.

S. S. HALIZONES

From Glasgow: 25 cases crown corks, 85 bags steel nails, 29 cases old steel files, 165 cases lager beer, 20 cases whisky, 200 bags fire clay, 30,000 fire bricks.

From Liverpool: 611 mild steel plates, 150 cases cotton piecegoods, 270 ctns dynamo sets, 319 cases tiles 50 bundles pick heads, 209 cases bicycles, 100 drums boiler solution, 605 bags empty glass bottles, 164 cases machinery, 61 ctns electric lamps, 35 cases Antiphlogistine, 132 cases cycle parts, 77 cases polishing composition, 57 ctns oil stoves 249 bundles accumulator parts, 49 bags cement colours, 100 rolls roofing felt, 40 fire clay siriks, 700 drums D. D. T. (insecticide), 65 bales cotton yarn, 90 cases ring spinning frames, 500 spindles for spinning cotton, 60 kegs glazing powder, 40 cases wood separators, 188 cases spinning machiney parts, 532 cases writing ink, 38 drums acetone, 568 cases sheet glass, 55 cases biscuits, 856 drums bleaching powder, 1,339 drums caustic soda, 532 ctns glassware, 50 bags snap steel rixets, 400 cases ultramarine, 100 parcels wheels and axles, 1,200 bags magnesite peas, 112 cases magnesite bricks, 295 cases aluminium circles, 106 drums lubricating oil, 272 kegs paste distemper, 700 ctns Flit insecticide.

EXPORTS

S. S. HUEGH SILVER STAR

To New York: 305 bags drugs—Messrs. Krishna Kapoor & Co, 100 bales cotton waste—Sapt Textile Products (India) Ltd.

To Beyrouth: 94 bales cotton piecegoods—Abdulla El Ejel.

S. S. TARANTIA

To Manchester: 124 bales cotton waste—G. M. Vyas & Co. 250 bales cotton waste—L. D. Vora.

To Liverpool 110 bales cotton waste—Edward T. Robertson & Sons. 36 bales hosiery cuttings—Chamanlal Sarabhai & Co. 103 bales Cotton piecegoods—Messrs. Rallis India Ltd. 54 bales cotton piecegoods—The India United Mills Ltd. 1,000 bales cotton raw—Ramnarain Sons Ltd..

S. S. STAR BETELGEUSE

To Colombo: 10 bales cotton waste—Chinubhai Rasiklal & Co. 12 bundles loban—V. Nandlal. 12 cartons printed books—Jaico Publishing House. 10 cases camphor—M. Popatlal & Co.

S. S. COULGORM

To Sydney: 5 bales cotton waste—Sapt Textile Products (India) Ltd. 276 drums linseed oil—Kilachand Devchand & Co. Ltd.

S. S. JALA USHA

To Genoa: 583 bags linseed—The Oil Seeds Trading Co. Ltd.

To Antwerp: 38 bales cotton waste—Manubhai Narotamdas & Co, 605 bales cotton waste—Edward T. Robertson & Son.

To Hamburg: 110 bales Cotton waste—Manubhai Narotamdas & Co. 138 bags gum karaya—S. M. Rajgor & Co. 123 bags gum karaya—Chimanlal Bhogilal.

To Liverpool: 34 bales hemp—Mohamedbhai Dawoodbhai.

To London: 67 bags gum karaya—Essential Oils & Aromatic Chemicals Co.

S. S. CEYLON

To Antwerp: 106 vales cotton raw—Viram Ludha & Co. 55 bales cotton waste—The Bombay Co. Ltd. 139 bales cotton waste—Edward T. Robertson & Son.

S. S. AKBAR

To Port Sudan: 50 bags dry ginger M. Vandravan.

S. S. DWARKA

To Kuwait: 20 bags turmeric—H. M. Falakruz. 35 packages wooden furniture—Abdulla Yousuf. 80 cases wooden furniture — Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. (India) Ltd. 25 cases pickles and 50 cases curry powder—M. M. Poonjiaji & Co.

To Basrah: 50 cases pickles, 5 cases chutney and 10 cases curry powder M. M. Poonjiaji & Co. 200 bales cotton waste—C. Damodar & Co. 25 tyres—Tyre & Rubber Co. of India Ltd.

To Karachi: 26 cases cycle tubes Tyre & Rubber Co. of India Ltd. 15 drums curdi oil—H. H. Begmahomed. 11 bundles leather—The Indian National Tannery, Kanpur. 670 bundles empty cement bags —Dalmia Cement Co. Ltd. 46 bags drugs, 25 bags fennel seeds—H. S. Rahemtulla & Sons.

To Khoramshahr: 86 bales cotton piecegoods—Dawood Haji Nasser & Co.

S. S. CARBALUNO

To Port Sudan: 13 packages oil mills—A. Ramsen & Co.

S. S. EXPLORER

To New York: 100 bales jute rugs—Jani & Co.

Arrivals And Departures Of Steamers

ARRIVALS.

"BHADUR", arrived from Cochin on May 20. (Turner Morrison Co.).

"JOGVIJAY", arrived from Jafrabad with 7,000 tons of salt on May 20. (Great Eastern Shipping Co.).

"BHARATLAXMI", arrived from Cochin with 530 tons of general cargo on May 20. (Bharat Line).

"STEEL SURVEYOR", arrived from Houston with 8,200 tons of general cargo on May 20. (M. M. Co.).

DEPARTURES.

"NAWAB", sailed for Calcutta with ballast on May 19.

"VASNA", sailed for Karachi with 510 passengers and 276 tons of general cargo on May 19.

"STANBELL", sailed for U. K. with ballast on May 19

"ARGOFAX", sailed for Malaya on May 20.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, May 20.

B C Rates I I D D 1-5 15/16 Ready.
B C Rates I I D D 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months
London Banks Selling I T D D 1/5 31/32 Ready
London Banks Selling I I D D 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months
London Banks Buying I I 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month
London Banks Buying I I 1/6 7/16 10th-12th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/8 7th and 9th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th—9th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th and 9th Month
New York and Montreal B C Rate T T Rs. 332 1/4.
Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 332 1/4
Banks Buying T T Rs. 330
Banks Buying D D N Y Rs. 328 3/4
Montreal Rs 328 1/2
Banks Buying D D N Y Rs 329
Montreal Rs. 323 3/4 L/O
Paris Banks Selling T T Fcs 8100
Paris Banks Buying T T Fcs 8320
Amsterdam Banks Selling T T D D Fl.. 79
Belgium Banks Selling T T D D Fcs 1305
Java Banks Selling T T D D Gldr 79
Hongkong Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 84
Singapore Banks Selling T T D D Rs 157
Manila Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 165 1/4
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London Discts 3 Mos 5/8 p c; London Discts 6 Mos 3/4 p c
Reserve: Bank Rate 3 p c; Bank of England Rate 2 p c.
Money:—Call 3/4 pc; 3 Mos 1 p c; 6 Mos 1-1/4 p c; 12 Mos 1-1/2 p c.
Tone:—Shade Easier.

MUTT AND JEFF—Maybe The Other Guy Wore Gloves Too Could Be — **By BUD FISHER**

BOY, WHATTA SUBWAY RUSH!
WHEW! PACKED LIKE SARDINES!
MUTT! MY WALLET! IT'S GONE!
WHAT HAPPENED TO IT?
I DUNNO! I GUESS SOMEBODY IN THE SUBWAY TOOK IT OUT OF MY POCKET BY MISTAKE!
MISTAKE? YOU BOOB! DID YOU FEEL A HAND IN YOUR POCKET?
YEH, BUT I THOUGHT IT WAS MINE!
Fisher

Trade And Finance

SIX-CRORE RISE IN NOTE CIRCULATION

Weekly Review Of Bombay Markets

(By Our Own Representati ve)

The short-term money market continued steady and rates remained unchanged from last week, although there was a slight slackening in the trade demand. Interbank call money was quoted at 1 per cent. Three months' money was unchanged at 1 1/2 per cent. and six months' at 1-3/4 per cent. per annum.

The weekly returns of the Reserve Bank of India, for the period ended 13th May 1949, reveal a further rise of Rs. 5.73 crores in the active note circulation and an increase of Rs. 4 crores in the notes held in the Bank Department. The total note issue has expanded by Rs. 9.74 crores to Rs. 1210 crores. On the assets' side, Foreign Securities are down by Rs. 10 crores. Whilst Government of India Rupee Securities have increased by Rs. 20 crores. In the Banking Department, Government Balances have declined by Rs. 12.91 crores and Miscellaneous Deposits by Rs. 4.95 crores, whilst Bankers' Deposits show a rise of Rs. 3 1/2 crores. Balances held abroad are further reduced by Rs. 9.51 crores and Investments by Rs. 6.68 crores.

The statement of affairs of the Imperial Bank of India for the week ended 13th May 1949 reveals a small increase of Rs. 31 lakhs in Deposits. Advances show a fall of Rs. 3.19 crores The cash holding of the Bank, in consequence, is up by Rs. 3.53 crores.

GILT-EDGED

The gilt-edged market was a shade quieter owing to continued lack of interest. The volume of trading was small. 3 per cent. 1986 conversion loan was a fraction lower at Rs. 98-7-6. Most other dated loans also tended lower for want of support. 2 3/4 per cent 1976 loan tapered off to Rs. 95-10 and 2 1/4 per cent. 1962 loan to Rs. 99-1. 3 per cent. 1953/55 loan eased off to Rs. 101-7 and 3 per cent. 1957 Victory loan to Rs. 101-1. 3 per cent. 1959/61 loan moved down to Rs. 100-12, 3 per cent. 1963/65 loan was quoted a trifle lower at Rs. 100-4, whilst 3 per cent. 1966/68 loan had sellers around Rs. 100.

EXCHANGE

The rupee/sterling exchange market ruled dull during the week under review for inter-bank business sellers of spot TT on London quoted 1s.5—31/32d and buyers 1s.6d. Merchants rates fixed by the Exchange Banks' Association were unchanged as under:

Sellers of TT on London spot	+1s.5—31/32d.
Sellers of TT on London upto six months	1s.5—16/16d.
Buyers of TT on London spot & upto nine months	1s.6—1/32d.

GOLD

Under the stimules of continued good offtake in a market bereft of stocks, prices in the gold section moved up further during the week under review. From the opening level of Rs. 115-14, ready gold went apace and touched Rs. 119-5 on Wednesday and closed slightly lower at Rs. 118-6 on profit-taking. Gold for delivery in the 11th June settlement, which was quoted Rs. 1-4 under ready at the opening, stood Rs. 1-12 under mid-week, but the differential once again narrowed down to Rs. 1-4. The price of sovereigns also hardened by a rupee to Rs. 75-10 in sympathy with gold. Floating stocks of gold are reported to be in the vicinity of 30,000 tolas. Arrivals are estimated to have averaged about 4,000 tolas a day and the offtake at 8,000 tolas. The market falling off in arrivals is said to be due to a decrease in the activity of smugglers. With the approach of the monsoon season, all country craft traffic is almost at a standstill and this has perhaps deprived the smugglers of a relatively easy means of transport. The highest and lowest rates touched during the week were Rs. 119-5 and Rs. 115-14 for spot and Rs. 117-11 and Rs. 114-10 for forward.

SILVER

The silver section started on a quiet note as most of the business was confined to carry-over transactions until Saturday. After the week-end, however, active bear-covering once again caused a spurt in silver prices and the market closed firm. The quotation for spot silver .999 fine decline from Rs. 182-8 to Rs. 179-10 on Saturday but thereafter gradually moved up to Rs. 186 on Thursday and closed at Rs. 185-12 The 15th June delivery silver was quoted at a discount of a rupee under spot. Stocks of silver are estimated to be 4,500 bars, whilst the offtake is better at 200 bars a day on the average. In the overseas markets there is no change to report, both the New York and the London silver quotations remaining stationary at 71-1/2 cents and 43-1/2d respectively. The highest and lowest rates touched during the week were Rs. 186 and Rs. 179-10 for spot and Rs. 185 and Rs. 179-10 for forward.

According to press reports, the Government of Bombay have not given their sanction to the Bombay Bullion Association's request to give emergency powers to its Board of Directors. This refusal of the Government may perhaps have induced the relatively heavy bear-covering noticeable in the market.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, May 20.

Market ruled quiet there was pressure of selling in steel shares by bears but offerings were well absorbed.

Closing quotations Arvind 1558, Calico 1169, Deferred 1332, Atul 33, Rohit 113-12-0 Ambika 424, Aryodoya spinning 400, Jagdish commission 19.

SAURASHTRA MARKET QUOTATION

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, May 20.

Rajkot silver ashad 184/0/0, Jamnagar silver ashad 184/2/0, Wadhwan cotton jeth 28/13/0. Wadhwan sugar jeth 15/6/0.

AHMEDABAD, May 20 (API): Twenty-seven detenus on hunger-strike in Sabarmati Jail gave up their fast this evening.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON JULY

NEW YORK, May 20.

Previous Closing	32.50
Today's Opening	32.50
Difference	Unchanged
Today's Closing	32.59
Difference	+.09

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, May 20.

Opening Stock Exchange: Anaconda Copper Mining unquoted General Motors unquoted. U. S. Stee common 60-3/4, preference unquoted

LAST QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY, May 20.

Silver Jeth	184 4
Gold Jeth	116 8
Silver Bullion	184 8
Silver Mint	185 4
Gold Ready	117 0
Sovereign	74 12
EXPECTATION:	
Cotton Jarila May	626 8

Calcutta Stock Exchange

CALCUTTA, May 20.

The stock exchange kept steady and unchanged today, and moderate business was put through.

Following are today's final transactions upto 2-30 p.m.

GOVT. SECURITIES: Three per cent India Govt. Loan 1986 98-7 Three per cent loan 1953-55 101-7 three per cent loan 1963-65 100 three per cent loan 1970-75 99-4.

BANKS: Hindustan Mercantile 19-8

COTTON: Basanti 8-2 Benares Cotton and Silk 4-10 Dunbar 180 Jayshced Textiles 3-8.

COALS: Amalgamated 22-8 Bharat 6-4 Borrea 16 Burrakur 11 Equitable 38-8 XD Jogta 4 C T New Manbhoom 17-4 Western Bengal 4-5.

MININGS: Bisra Stone Lime 31-8 Burma Corp. 2-10 Consolidated Tin 1 Burma Corp. 2-10 Tavoy Tin As 11 Ind. Copper Corp. 2.

ENGINEERINGS: Ind. Iron and Steel Ord. 22-9 Ind. Standard Wagon 58-8 Saran Engineering 7-9 Steel Corp. of Bengal ord. 18-6 Textile Machinery 6-8.

MISCELLANEOUS: Dalmia Cement Ord. 7-8 Sone Valley Cement 5-11 Calcutta Electric 16-4 New Asiatic Insurance 4-4 British India Corp. 7-15 British Ceylon Corp. 10-14 Dunlop Rubber Ord. 43 Dunlop Rubber 2nd Pref. 106 Jardine Henderson Pref. 105-8 Martin Burn 14-4 B B Petrol 1-6 Northern India Oil 7-11 India Paper pulp 139 Orient Paper 2nd Pref. 83-8 Star Paper 5-6 Titaghur Paper Pref. Ord. 4-12 Titaghur Paper 2nd Pref. 117 Port Shipping 14-6.

SUGARS: Buland 17 Carews 7-6 Mohini 3-14 Raza 16-8 United Provinces Sugar 9-7.

TEAS: Baitakhal 2-13 Eastern Cochar 4 Hoorajuli 31 Kalinugger and Khorreel 70 Pahargoomiah 262 Singell 64.—(API).

HAPUR MARKET RATES

(From Our Correspondent)

HAPUR, May 20.

Wheat 23 21 Gram 14/2 Barley 14 Maize 13 Bajra 17/8 Juwar 17 Guwar 11/12 Peas 13/6 14 Peas Ready 13/6 Jeth 13/3/6 Bhadon 13/5/3 Arhar Ready 13/8 Jeth 13/5 Bhadon 13/8 Urd 18 Moong 20/4 Masoor 13/4 16 Sirson 27 Taraseed 23 21 Mustard Oil 74 Oil Cake 8/12 Groundnut 17/8 Cotton Seed 15/8 Oats 10 Methi 18/4 Linseed Oil 56 Bardana Ready White 125 Red 100 Asuj 101 September 115 Steady Silver 179/6 Gold 116/4 Steady Gur Ready 15/12 15 Shakkar 17 Crystal 31 Khandsari 23 30 Pagan 11/5 quiet.

U. S. ATTITUDE TO PACIFIC PACT

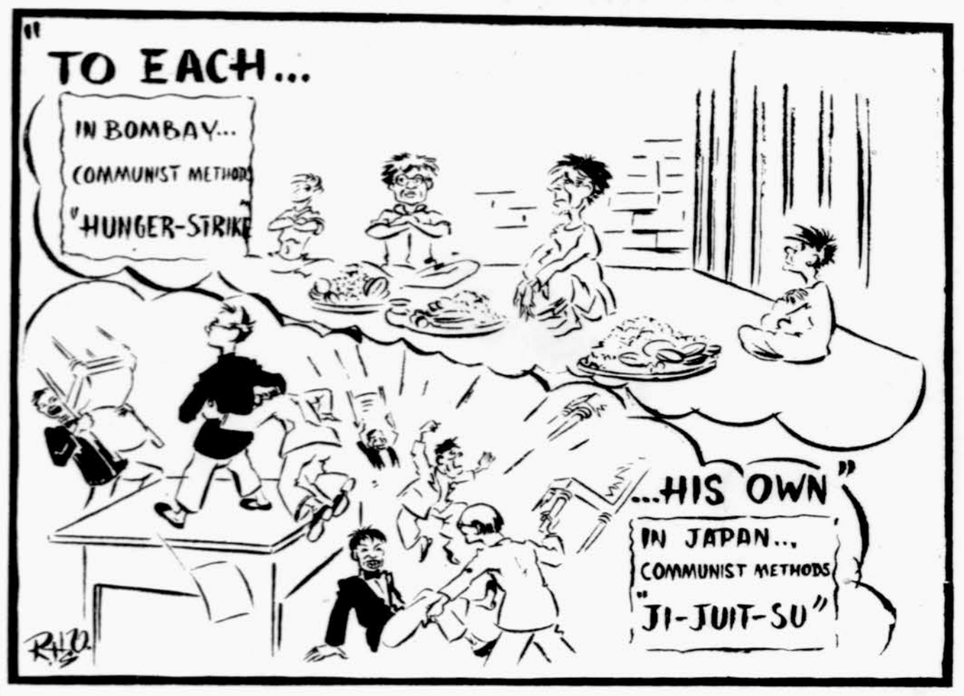
Unwilling To Move Without India

LONDON, May 20 (UPI)—The different attitudes towards the advisability of a Pacific Pact at this juncture has interesting points for India. It is obvious diplomatic circles here say, that America is the only power able to counter Soviet forces and is not willing to move in the matter until the Government of India is prepared to accept to play a central role.

Britain, undobtedly, is interested in the coalescence of the anti-Communist forces in south-east Asia. The recent suggestions by Mr. Chiefly Australian Premier and Mr. Malcolm MacDonald urging democratic Governments to be ready to join in protecting their subjects against disorder, is fully supported by the "Times" editorial today.

The Times" says: 'A preparedness of this kind might offer many of the advantages of a Pacific Pact without the difficulties to which Mr. Acheson and Pandit Nehruu have drawn attention. At the moment there is opportunity to act, while the situation in China is still fluid. There is still time for free Governments of the east and west to come together in common counsel and defence and the tide is favourable.

This comment is believed here to be an inspired one. If so, it means Britain is taking a contrary view of the situation than the one taken by India and the U.S.A.



CONSERVATIVES ACCEPT LONDON PACT

Mr. Churchill Calls It A "Remarkable Adventure"

GLASGOW, May 20 (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Winston Churchill declared here today that the Conservative Party, in common with the British Government, would do its utmost to crown with success the "remarkable adventure" of India's future as a Republic within the Commonwealth.

Addressing 22,000 people at a mass meeting organised by the Scottish Unionist (Conservative) Association, he said: "Lamentable disasters have occured in India, Burma and Palestine which might easily have been avoided by a wise and competent handling of our affairs.

"The Conservative Party cannot be held responsible for these disasters, but we are bound all the same to face the consequences.

"We have no choice but to accept what has happened. We must look to the future and try cur utmost to do the best for all.

A CASE OF CONVICTION

"It was this conviction which led me to accept on behalf of the Conservative Party, the settlement which has been reached about Indian and Commonwealth affairs, and about the relations between the nations and states of our world-wide associations and the King who is its supreme head, and to save by every means in our power whatever can be rescued in this period of decline and eclipse.

We accept the settlement which has been made with the agreement of the Empire on Commonwealth Prime Ministers gathered in London, under which India will come forward as a Republic within the circle of our Commonwealth, and we will do all we can to crown this remarkable adventure with success.

Declaring that the Labour Party had brought British prestige to its lowest ebo for centuries, the ex-Premier said: "Whenever you turn your eyes, you see the ugly spectacle of Britons being shot or insulted in some part of the world.

"South American Republics twist the lion's tail in the Antarctic. The Albanians mine British warships and kill our sailors. Israelite aircraft shoot down the RAF fighters, and the Chinese Red Army fire upon the British fleet with impunity and drive it back.

The sooner the present Ministers are dismissed from office, the sooner shall we regain our self-respect and command the respect of others, he said.

FALL IN BRITAIN'S EXPORTS

Trade Gap Widens

LONDON, May 20 (PTI-Reuter): A fall in Britain's export figures, revealed today, brought fresh forebodings to some business quarters who for some time have professed to see economic danger signals ahead.

Board of Trade returns for April showed that the trade gap—the excess of imports over exports—widened to £44,600,000 which is double the average of £21,000,000 for the previous months of this year.

Exports, in a month reckoned at 24 working days, fell by almost £1,000,000 a day below the record March figure. At £137,000,000, they were £22,500,000 lower.

Imports, swollen by increased supplies of food and raw materials from abroad, were £187,500,000—a jump to £8,200,000 above the average of the first quarter of the year.

Though the decline in export figures is comparatively slight, many businessmen—not only the most pessimistic—believed today that it fitted in with trends in the foreign markets noticeable to them for some time past.

They have found increasing buyer resistance abroad and from many overseas markets has come the blunt warning: "You must cut your prices or we can no longer buy British".

JAP PRISONERS IN RUSSIAN HANDS

Disparity In Figures Announced

TOKYO, May 20. (PTI-Reuter): Allied headquarters in Japan were tonight mystified by the Russian announcement earlier today that only 95,000 Japanese prisoners of war remain in Russian hands. According to Japanese figures 469,000 prisoners are still in Russian hands.

An Allied headquarters repatriation table issued in March estimated there were 325,000 Japanese prisoners in Siberia, 84,000 in Karafuto and Kurile and 60,000 in Manchuria.

Japanese figure show that Russia previously repatriated 915,000 prisoner, while all other countries had completed repatriation.

The Russian announcement said that 594,000 Japanese prisoners of war were in Russian hands on V.-J. Day. 70,880 were released in the war theatre in 1945 and 418,155 were repatriated between 1946, and 1949. Some 95,000 remained and would be sent home by next November, the statement added.

VICTORIA CROSS FOR BRAVERY

LONDON, May 20 (PTI-Reuter). The London Gazette today announced the posthumous award of the Victoria Cross to Lieutenant George Albert Crains of the Somerset Light Infantry, who in March, 1944, continued to lead an attack on a Japanese-held hill top after his arm had been hacked off by a Japanese sword.

100 Policemen Disarmed For Gross Indiscipline

ASANSOL (West Bengal), May 19 (API): About 100 men of the railway protection police have been disarmed by the authorities on grounds of gross indiscipline and for assault of two officers, including the company commander.

As a result of the incident, which occurred here yesterday, a large number of these men have been discharged and some have been externed from the district of Burdwan.

The situation is now absolutely normal.

INTERNATIONAL BODY ON DAMS

Congress To Be Held At Delhi

NEW DELHI, May 20 (API): The Government of India have sanctioned Rs. 100,000 to meet the expenses of the Fourth Congress of the International Commission on large-scale Dams to be held in New Delhi in January-February 1951.

Along with this Congress there will also be a meeting of the International Association of Hydraulic Structures Research and a sectional meeting of the World Power Conference, the latter to be held in Bombay.

The Central Board of Irrigation (National Committee for India attached to the International Commission on large Dams) has appointed to Advisory Committee to contact Provincial and State Governments and leading industrialists to help to make the Congress a success.

In an appeal to industrialists and businessmen to contribute liberally, not only money but technical assistance the Committee points out that the Congress will cost about Rs. 400,000.

The Committee says that the two previous session which were held in Sweden and USA proved a success, mainly owing to the co-operation of the industrialists in those countries.

The third session will be held in Belgium early in 1950 and India will represented by Mr. A. N. Khosla, Chief Engineer, Central Waterpower, Irrigation and Navigation Commission.

BRITAIN REJECTS SOVIET PROPOSAL ON GREECE

No Big Three Conference

LONDON, May 20. (U.P.A.): The Foreign Office announced today that Britain had rejected Soviet proposals for a Big Three conference on Greece.

A spokesman said: "We will take no steps behind the backs of the Greek Government".

Greek Ambassador, Leon Melas, urgently called at the Foreign Office for an interview. It is understood he received the assurance that Greece would not be sacrificed in "another Munich".

The British attitude was disclosed after the Soviet news agency Tass reported American and British officials had agreed to study the Russian plan to end the Greek war.

A Foreign Office spokesman confirmed the Tass report that Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko had submitted a five-point proposal to U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Dean Rusk and British Minister of State Hector McNeil. They conferred briefly on Greece in New York on three occasions between April 16 and May 15.

LARGE SCALE SUPPLY OF ARMS TO BURMA

Australia Turns Down Request

CANBERRA, May 20 (PTI-Reuter): Australia has promised to supply food and clothing to Burma to relieve distress of the population generally, but has refused a request for the large scale supply of arms, according to an authoritative source here today. It was stated that Mr. Say Arng, Director of Burmese Military Supplies, made the request to the Australian Government during a visit to Australia this week. Mr. Say Arng was said to have been told that the Commonwealth's policy was against the supply of arms to any country except Britain. The limit of assistance any other country could expect was small consignments of weapons suitable for police purposes, such as went to Malaya during its period of intensive guerilla activity.

LOCAL SELF-GOVT. ESSENTIAL FOR DEMOCRACY

Mr. Patil Deplores Intrusion Of Party Politics

LONDON, May 20. (PTI-Reuter):....

MR. S. K. PATIL, Mayor of Bombay, who is now on a world tour studying city administrations in various countries, said today that a strongly rooted local self-Government was essential to building up a strong democratic state.

Speaking at an Indian Journalists Association Press Conference Mr. Patil said that in India most of the city administrations had been more or less modelled on the British system. Under that system there had been constant friction between the State and Local Self-Government. Now in an Independent India such friction must stop because after all their interests were the same.

Mr. Patil deplored the intrusion of politics into municipal administration as it often happened in India. "There should be absolutely no politics in local Government", Mr. Patil said.

BOMBAY'S PROBLEMS

Explaining the object of his tour Mr. Patil said that Bombay City needed a lot of improvements. When he assumed Mayoralty, he decided it would be very desirable to study how other big cities were running their administrations and tackling such problems like water and electric supply, sanitation and garbage removal and housing.

Bombay City had now a population of three and half millions which would increase by another million with the incorporation of many suburban areas into it under the Greater Bombay Scheme.

He would take back with him whatever good features he found in the world's big cities which could be suitably applied to his own city. "We do not want to destroy the old system but we are trying to adjust it to new conditions in India", Mr. Patil said.

Referring to housing problems, Mr. Patil said that every city had these problems now-a-days but in Bombay it was a question of space.

They had to think in terms of building ten or 12 storeyed buildings, and for these they wanted steel which was just now in short supply. In this connection he said that although prefab houses could solve the housing problem temporarily he was not sure these would be of permanent value to India.

Asked if he would visit Moscow, Mr. Patil said that much as he would have liked to pay a visit to some Russian cities his present programme could not include a visit to Russia.

Mr. Patil is leaving on Monday, May 23, for United States where in the course of about a month he would visit 15 cities.

Elected President For Mysore Assembly

BANGALORE, May 20. (A.P.I.): The Mysore Representative Assembly will have an elected President to preside over its future meetings, according to the Government of Mysore Amendment Act, 1949.

The Amended Act which comes into force at once also provided for the election of a Deputy President

Military Training For Calcutta Civilians

CALCUTTA, May 20. (A.P.I.): Over 400 civilians drawn from different walks of life commenced their military training today in Calcutta under the scheme for such training sponsored by Gen. K. M. Cariappa, India's Commander-in-Chief.

The course will cover a period of 6 The course will cover a period of weeks, and will include physical training, ordinary squad drill without arms and talks on hygiene, sanitation and discipline in general.

E.C.A. Rice For Shanghai

HONGKONG, May 20 (U P A)—Three ships loaded with about 20,000 tons of ECA rice departed for Shanghai to augment the fast dwindling stocks there. The ships, flying the Chinese flag, will attempt to sail up the Whangpoo to discharge cargo despite the fact that most foreign lines already are bypassing Shanghai.

It is estimated the shipment will last about a fortnight under Shanghai's rationing programme.

25 Indo-China Terrorists Arrested

PARIS, May, 20, (PTI-Reuter): French police arrested 25 terrorists and seized arms and ammunition in the Chinatown quarter of Saigon, Indo-China, in last six days, according to an agency, France Press Report from Saigon.

WORLD PACIFIST CONFERENCE

Aims And Procedure Explained

CALCUTTA, May 20 (API): The main purpose of the World Pacifist meeting, to be held at Santiniketan and Sevagram in December this year, is "to find ways and means for convincing the peoples of the world of the truth of Gandhiji's teachings and of its applicability to world politics", according to the organisers of the meeting.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad is the President of the Committee for the proposed meeting. Mr. Horace Alexander is the Chairman, and Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Dr. Zakir Hussein, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan and Mr. Rathindranath Tagore are the Vice-Presidents.

PROCEDURE

The organisers state it is planned to bring together at the meeting some 60 carefully selected men and women from all over the world, who have proved themselves "100 per cent reliable" in Mahatma Gandhi's words in meeting violence and aggression with spiritual and moral weapons only. These 60 will meet Mahatma Gandhi's close associates and other Indians who are convinced of the truth of his teachings. They will meet in unhurried conference in Santiniketan for a week beginning on December 1, pay visits to various ashrams and centres of constructive work, and meet again for an adjourned session in Sevagram, in the last week of the month.

The organisers in a statement say that "it is not expected to achieve immediate dramatic results in the political world by such a meeting. Gandhiji himself was emphatic on that. But some practical results should follow".

They added: "It may lead to the formation of a world union of men and women who are trying to practise non-violence and to apply it to social and political problems. It may find fresh ways in influencing human thought towards peace by such methods as an increasing use of wireless and other educational media for the propagation of the moral teachings of all the world's greatest prophets. It may take steps towards building a social order in the world built on co-operation, not on exploitation. It may help to promote the ideas of world brotherhood and world government and of racial equality.

RELATION WITH OTHER BODIES

"This, of course, is only one of many efforts that are being undertaken to promote world peace and human brotherhood. It is not seeking to rival or replace such organisations as are helping to develop the UNO or foster the idea of Federal Government for mankind, but to invigorate them.

"The special character of the meeting and the reason for holding it in India both stem from the life and influence of Gandhiji. He is recognised as the outstanding moral influence for peace and for truth in politics. Those who have been working for peace in the west can and need to learn more about his special contribution. This they can best do by meeting his close associations, and by seeing the work he started in India".

LADAKH'S GRATITUDE FOR INDIAN ARMY AID

Delegation Meets Pandit Nehru: Premier's Assurance

NEW DELHI, May 20 (API): The Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is understood to have told a representative delegation of the people of Ladakh, who saw him yesterday, that it was the earnest desire of the Government of India to maintain Kashmir's territorial integrity and to have the State as a whole in the Indian Union.

The Province of Ladakh being an integral part of the Jammu and Kashmir State would, therefore, be a part of India, he is stated to have assured the delegation.

The delegation was led by the head Lama of Fitok Monastery and consisted of seven other leaders of Ladakh.

In their memorandum the delegates also expressed the gratitude of the people of Ladakh to the Government and people of India for the military aid sent to them which, they said, maintained the security of their land and saved their monasteries from being overrun by Pakistan raiders.

Terrorists Kill British Army Officer

SINGAPORE, May 20 (PTI-Reuter)—A British Army officer and a non-commissioned officer and a Malay police corporal were killed, and four British soldiers seriously injured in a terrorist ambush 20 miles north of Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

The police and military party were climbing a hill when they came under heavy fire from bren and sten guns and carbines.

The operation in whih they were taking part was continuing.

Terrorists also attacked lorry in the rush rubber estate in Selangor State killing the driver. Five special constables escorting the lorrry were wounded.

RUSSIANS THREATEN "MINOR BLOCKADE" AND RAILWAYMEN THREATEN STRIKE

BERLIN, May 20 (PTI-Reuter).—Allied air lift pilots stood ready to go all out again today with supplies for Berlin as the twin threat of a "minor blockade" by the Russians and a railway strike faced the capital.

The rail strike has been called for midnight tonight by the pro-Western Railwaymen's Union in Berlin in support of demands for pavments of their wages in western instead of eastern marks.

The Russians warned they would reimpose their "little blockade"—they will insist that every German vehicle carries one of their permits—after a series of confusing reports last night of new restrictions and open roads to Berlin.

At one period correspondents here found themselves with frontier reports that the roads to Berlin were open while at the same time receiving official announcements that the British and Americas had protested to the Russians against travel and trade restrictions.

MORE C. P. LANDS UNDER PLOUGH

NAGPUR, May 20. (API): Two lakhs acres of cultivable fallow land in the Central Provinces which was brought under the plough for wheat, rice and jowar, yielded an additional 20,000 tons of food in the year ending April 1949, it was learnt from official sources today.

An increased acreage of such land is expected to be brought under cultivation in the current year. A subsidy at the rate of two rupees for every acre of cultivable fallow land, brought under any of the approved food crops, will be paid by the Provincial Government to cultivators this year also.

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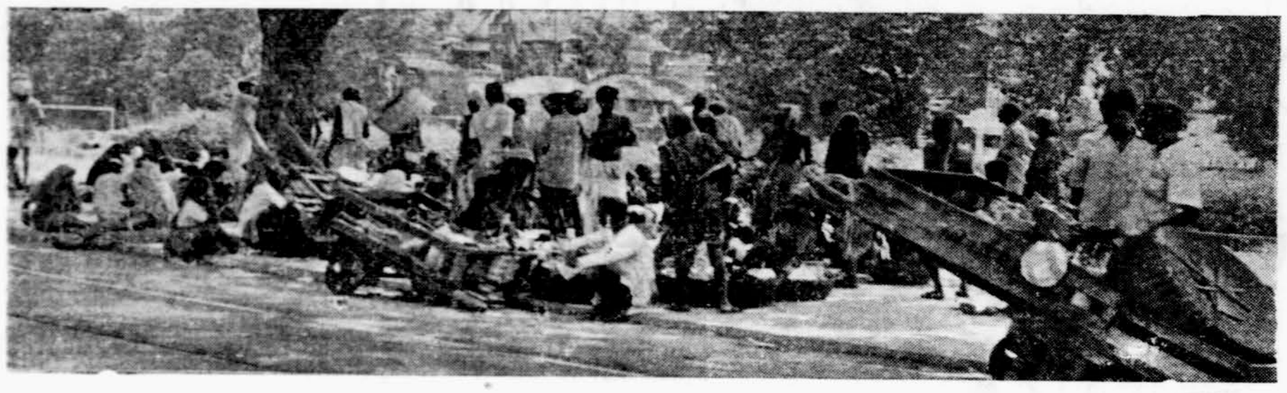
HOW BOMBAY LIVES ★

Here is the food market at the peak of its business hour. You can see the busy trade going on, the "dubbas" arrived and still arriving and the trading for left out food.



Remnants & Offals Sold To Beggars & Lepers

Revolting Food Market Does Roaring Business

IN Bombay's social life, a tiffin carrier is an important and useful link. A by-product of developed city life, he stands in a class by himself. He is a factor to be reckoned with.

A sturdy figure with a red 'dupetta' wound round his head, he is fantastic and awe inspiring at the same time. The 'dabba-walla' as he is familiarly called does not seem to have reached that stage of evolution when any kind of footwear is considered a necessity. Chappals to him are a costly luxury; and as for shoes—they are simply a preposterous proposition.

There is a nonchalant air about the tiffin carrier. Proud of his independent occupation he is fully conscious of the service he renders—particularly to that section of the population which gets its food through him from places far and wide. One can chide his nagging wife or harass his mother-in-law; one may even venture to bully the boss about the inordinate delay in the next increment—but none dare say a word to the 'dabbawala', none who has any respect for his lunch.

Because, no 'closed-shop' Union can be as rigorous and immediate in its operation as the Dabbawala fraternity. Let him have his way or you wont have your lunch.

In the profession of carrying lunch, the mere male is being fast replaced by the equally sturdy and noisier female of the species. Slim-baskets on their heads, each containing, at least a dozen carriers. They may not be graceful, but they are surely picturesque.

Bombay eats everywhere—in homes, in offices, in restaurants, in canteens ple, but strong, they work day after day. One can count hundreds of them in any part of the city, carrying huge and even on the open streets. The carrier has not much to do with those few who cook and eat at home. But there are lakhs of others who require their lunch to be brought to them—sometimes from their homes, sometimes from hotels—at the place they work. It is here that the tiffin carrier comes into the picture.

There are thousands of them—men, women and children—moving about the streets, from door to door and office to office. The food is collected at the various homes or hotels, and transported by relays to its ultimate destination. Invariably it makes at least one train journey. The city is divided into various areas, each area having its own 'mucaddam' There is co-operation between the 'mucaddams' of the various areas, and the tiffin boxes move by a kind of chain arrangement. At least three men will have handled each box between its origin and destination. And all this for charges varying from Rs. 2 to Rs. 5.

The tiffin carriers are a busy people. They are always in a hurry. They never walk but always run. Their greatest hour of activity is between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Panting and running, they move quickly from place to place, dump the food at an appointed spot and take away the carrier from the same place. Whether food has been eaten is not their concern, much less if it has been relished.

It is only on the return journey that they go slow, take it easy and spend time in returning the empty and dirty carriers. The way he carries the food is filthy in all conscience. To see these 'dabbas' crowded in railway compartments, trod upon, perhaps spat upon, dumped, higgledy piggledy into baskets, oblong boxes and hand carts is disgusting. But the climax comes on the return journey.

Before returning the tiffin carriers, the dabbawallas—at any rate, a good number of them—sell the remnants and offals to beggars, lepers and all manner of poor people who are willing to buy such fare for a copper or two.

When this story reached the "Chronicle" office, our first tendency was to disbelieve it. We then decided to investigate. Our reporter and photographer kept an afternoon vigil on the Cross Maidan just opposite the Chunilal Mehta Scout Hut. Beggars there were in plenty. For nearly an hour no tiffin-carrier could be seen. They were about to turn away when two women were seen coming forward with baskets on their heads. The watchers hid themselves behind some trees to see what happened.

The two women deposited their burden on the footpath opposite. One of the women opened some tiffin boxes and gave away the contents to one of the beggars who offered her two pice. That was all he had succeeded in wheedling out of charity-minded persons that day. The other leper snatched away, as if by right, a tiffin box from the hands of the carrier and began to eat out of it.

As we watched shocked and dazed more and more men began to come with baskets and push carts with tiffin "dabbas." On the other hand swarms of beggars came to life, waking up from their pavement siesta. The spot which was described an hour before looked like a busy 'mela'.

Our reporter and photographer then came out to do their duty. The reporter went ahead and met two women "dabbawalis", a little ahead and pretending to be hungry asked her to sell food. One of the women honestly confessed that she would do it but there was none left with her that day. The second one slyly hinted that he seemed too well dressed to take that kind of food. When approached posed willingly.

Our men then went on to try and interrogate other groups. It looked as if by then the men had scented "mischief". One woman shouted by the photographer the two women "police" as the cameraman tried to take his pictures. Some men turned away or hid their faces. Slowly things appeared to be getting hot. The men looked daggers at our boys and there might have been trouble.

And so they came away from the stinking and disgusting scene.

It is strange that the police and the health authorities of the city should not have come to know of this revolting food market at Cross Maidan. It is strange that hundreds and hundreds of men should be trustfully eating out of carriers and vessels from which lepers have lapped up food. It is horrifying to see the spectacle of men, however diseased and degraded buying offal and feeding on it.

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THE LAST PHASE, before the food is eaten by the unsuspecting clerks in a busy office. Note the way the carriers are piled up in the handcart and pushed along Bombay's streets.

Here are the two women who frankly admitted they sold food and willingly posed for our cameraman.

This is the food market in its declining glory. Most of the sellers and buyers have left. Only a few linger on waiting for stray customers like the chap with a white kerchief round his head. One woman, is so tired that she lies down on the maidan for a short sleep.

The mere male is being rapidly displaced in the tiffin carriar business. Here are a group of them emerging out of Bori Bunder.

ROYAL RECEPTION TO PATTABHI

Elephants To Lead President's Car

DEHRA DUN, May 19 (A P I)—Congress President Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya and Mr. Kala Venkatrao, Secretary, A.I.C.C. who are arriving here tomorrow afternoon will be taken in procession in a decorated car.

Elephants will lead the car carrying the Congress President from the Congress office through the main streets to the parade grounds where a public meeting will be held. The meeting will be addressed by Dr. Pattabhi Mr. Kala Venkatarao, and Mr. Purshottamdas Tandon, President of the United Provinces Congress.

Prime Minister Pandit Nehru is expected to arrive here on Saturday morning.

Deputy Prime Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who arrived here on Tuesday, is staying at the Circuit House, three miles from the city. He is stated to have declined to participate in any public functions.

DEHRA DUN, May 19 (API)—The Congress Working Committee will meet here from 8 to 12 in the morning and the A.I.C.C. from 2 to 8 in the evening on May 21 and 22.

Mixed Grill

A few days ago an announcement from the Bombay Station of the All India Radio said that circulars had been sent out to radio-owners soliciting their opinions on Marathi plays which are featurised by the radio. These plays, I believe, are generally the last item of the day's programme, before the station shuts down at 11 p.m.

I do not own a radio, thank Heavens. But six of my neighbours do. Therefore, I am an involuntary listener.

I have a few Marathi friends. I have lived amidst Maharashtrian people for a long many years. I am not, therefore, wholly taken in, although the temptation is great. But if I relied on these Marathi plays only for my impression of the people whose life the plays are supposed to depict, I should have thought that the Maharashtrians are an extremely quarrelsome people, and also a people given to excessive wailing and weeping. Quarrels, strident voices shrieking fire and brimstone; and wailing—piteous, hysterical, nerve-racking, seem to be the two main features of these plays.

Not being a radio-owner, however, I am debarred from expressing my humble opinion on the subject to the radio station direct. But I am not debarred from making my petition and prayer to Providence.

My prayer and submission to the Almighty is this: I pray that all the radios, the radio-owners, the radio stations, their studios, artists and executives, may all be swept away in a new deluge, more terrible than the last, so thank thee Lord, Amen.

And if the deluge takes me too along with it, well, I do not have to bother any more about that terrific cacophony that fouls the air and hits my ears as I lie struggling, hot and restless, on my sleepless bed.

The prayer may sound terrible—particularly from one like me; because I am essentially a man of peace. I am also a man of compromise. I, therefore, give notice, that I am willing to amend my prayer to Providence if Mr. Victor Paranjoti will give me an assurance that he will finish the Marathi play programme well before decent human beings retire to their well-earned rest.

I might even withdraw my prayer if he will agree to shorten his broadcast hours and close the station early, with full liberty to him to have his radio plays in Marathi, Gujerati, Tamil, Pushtoo or any other damn language in the world, any damn time in the day. Only shut down an hour earlier, just one hour please.

Grumbler

U. S. Policy On Jap Reparations

CHINA PROTESTS AGAINST REVERSAL

WASHINGTON, May 19 (PTI-Reuter): Dr. W. K. Lee Chinese representative on the Far Eastern Commission, today protested strongly against the "reversal" of United States policy on Japanese reparations at a commission meeting today.

Dr. Lee said China learned of this eversal with "deep regret".

"We fully appreciate the difficulties which the United States as the principal occupying power, has encountered in the last three and a half years," he added.

"We nevrtheless cannot subscribe to the views of the United States in this matter.

"We believe these views are contradictory of both the spirit and the letter of the series of solemn international agreements and decisions on the Japanese reparations programme.

"Should these views prevail, grave injustice would be done to those countries which were victims of Japanese aggression and suffered irreparable devastation.

"Moreover, such views have not taken into consideration the security problem in the Pacific area. They are inconsistent with basic principles and objectives of the occupation of Japan." The United States statement on reparations represents a policy at variance with the positions which the United States Government has so far taken on this problem.

"Therefore the Chinese Government cannot concur."

THESE SCENES OF HORROR

This strip provides a close up of the trade in food. In the first picture (left) are seen two beggars trying to strike a deal. The next picture shows a Dabbawali, emptying the contents of several into one to enable the beggar to get a full meal. The third picture shows a man taking up the 'dabbas' out of which he will eat. And the last is a somewhat rare picture of a Patiwala who too has bought this heap food, put it in a paper rag in his basket and is eating out of it.

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